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PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

—OF THE—

MITCHELL COUNTY

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With

Toe River Church, Mitchell County N. C.

September 7th, 8th and 9th, 1886.

Proceedings.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, 1886.

The Mitchell County Association met with Toe [redacted] River Church. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder S M Collis—text: JOHN 13th chapter and 17th verse: "If ye know these things, happy are ye if you do them." After a short recess the delegates were called to order by the Moderator. Elder S M Collis was appointed Clerk pro tem; prayer by Eld. T H McCurry. Bros. J M Stafford and P J Shell were appointed Reading Clerks. Letters were then read from the following churches:

Roan Mountain:—S M Greene, N Buchanan.

Bear Creek:—Robert Pitman, D English, P Pitman.

Little Rock Creek:—S M Collis, Alexander Buchanan, R Ledford, H Buchanan, T G Miller, S L Buchanan.

Bakersville:—Wm S Buchanan, J M Stafford.

Cane Creek:—L H Greene, John Biddix.

Elk Park:—N P Oakes, W D Gunn.

Brushy Creek:—Wm Mace, E A Stamey, W Stamey, C L Mace.

Linville:—J M Franklin.

Big Meadow:—P J Shell.

Roaring Creek:—N Lewis, A Knight, C S Hughes, W Hughes

Toe River:—J W Davis, A H Sparkes, J W Buchanan, B A Ollis. W M Buchanan, J Worley.

Mine Creek:—S S Young, James Davis, Issac McKinney.

Yellow Mountain:—Stephen Buchanan, Wm H Ollis, I T A Buchanan.

Peppers Creek:—E Wacaster, George Wacaster.

Newhopewell:—Joseph Coffey.

Mount Pleasant:—E Isaacs, John Johnson, W Aldridge.

Greene Valley:—J Weatherman, J R Greene.

Liberty Hill:—E Buchanan.

Roan Valley:—S Young, J M Ayers.

Sugar Mountain:—John Miller, Wesley Bumgarner.

Jonas Ridge:—Letter; no delegate.

Grassy Creek, White Oak, Big Rock Creek, Mount Vernon, Fork Mountain, Baptist Chapel, and Cub Creek, were not represented.

Then proceeded to organize by electing Elder L H Greene Moderator, and Elder S M Collis, Clerk.

Called for correspondence: None present,

Invited visitors: Elder L D Coffey, from Stoney Fork took a seat with us in council.

Appointed a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of Elders S M Greene, W S Buchanan, J M Franklin, Wm H Ollis, and bro. J M Stafford, with Moderator and Clerk.

Then appointed the following committees:—

On Preaching:—John Johnson, James Davis, with the Pastor and delegates of this Church.

On the State of the Churches:—J M Stafford, E A Stamey.

On Sabbath Schools:—Newton Buchanan, J R Greene.

On Temperance:—S M Greene, Wm S. Buchanan.

On Destitution:—E Buchanan, Wm Mace.

On Education:—J M Stafford, P J Shell, N Buchanan.

On Home Missions:—John A Miller, Wesley Bumgarner, J Davis.

On Foreign Missions:—W H Ollis, E Isaacs.

On the Deaconship:—Stephen Buchanan, T H McCurry.

On the Ministry:—John Johnson, S. S. Young.

On Periodicals:—J M. Franklin, Wm H Ollis, J R Greene.

On Obituaries:—S M Greene, A H Sparkes.

On Finance:—P J Shell, T G Miller.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder S M Collis.

SEPTEMBER 8th.

Met according to adjournment. Spent half hour in devotional exercises, conducted by Elder S M Greene.

The report of the Committee of Arrangements read; received and committee discharged. Called the roll and marked absentees. Read Rules of Decorum. Read and adopted the minutes of yesterday. Called on correspondents to report, who reported satisfactory. Appointed correspondents:

To Black Mountain Association—Elders Wm S Buchanan, L H Greene, E Buchanan, A H Sparkes.

To Catawba—Elders Wm H Ollis, S M Collis, and bros. P J Shell, and W Stamey.

To Caldwell County Association—Bros. J M Stafford and P J Shell.

To the Western Baptist Convention—Elder Wm H Ollis.

The next session of this Association to be held with Elk Park Church, on East Tennessee and N. C. Railroad, 25 miles North East from Bakersville, beginning on Thursday before the 2d Sunday in September, 1887, Elder S M Greene to preach

the introductory sermon, Elder Wm S Buchanan be his alternate. Adjourned to hear the 11 o'clock sermon by Elder Ephraim Buchanan. Recess one hour.

Appointed a ministers' meeting to be held with Cane Creek Church, commencing on Friday before the 5th Sunday in October, next.

Granted Newhopewell Church a letter of dismission to join the Stoney Fork Association.

Called for reports: The report on the deaconship was read as follows: "The office of deacon is of great importance, and should be filled according to the requirements of the New Testament. Pastors ought to instruct them."

STEPHEN BUCHANAN, Chm.

Remarks by S M Greene, S M Collis, Wm H Ollis. Report adopted.

Your Committee on the state of the ministry report as follows: Some of our ministers are energetic and persevering, trying to do their whole duty, preaching the Word faithfully, trying to improve themselves in every honorable way; while there are others don't seem to make much effort to improve in any way. We think ministers ought to improve their education and manner of address, leaving off all things superfluous, speaking their words plainly, without any whine or grunt, or, an-a-nan about it; thus giving no occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully, and in particular a minister should have a good character, and the Church should sustain their faithful ministers; and be certain not to countenance a minister that is a dram-drinker. All of which is submitted.

JOHN JOHNSON, }
S. S. YOUNG, } Com.

Remaks by John Johnson, J M Stafford, Wm S Buchanan, S M Collis, Wm H Ollis, E Isaacs and S M Greene.

Your Committee on Periodicals report as follows: We believe every family should supply themselves with good religious literature; for something will occupy the minds of both parent and children. We therefore most earnestly recommend the WESTERN N. C. BAPTIST, published at Asheville by Rev. Jas. E. Carter, at the very low price of $1.50 per year. Every Baptist family within the bounds of the Mitchell County

Association should take this paper, and thereby get the news from the great Baptist family each week. We also recommend the BIBLICAL RECORDER, published at Raleigh, N. C., as an able expositor of the truth. All of which is submitted.

WM. H. OLLIS.

Remarks by Wm H Ollis, S M Collis, and S M Greene. Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder E A Stamey; benediction by Elder S M Greene.

SEPTEMBER 9th.

Met according to adjournment, spent half hour in devotional exercises led by Elder Wm S Buchanan. Report on Sabbath Schools read, and received.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following:—We are thankful that our people are taking so much interest in Sabbath School work; we think most of the Churches has a Sunday School. We hope the good work will still prosper, and we recommend that all the Sunday Schools of this Association be represented in the Mitchell County Sunday School Convention.

N. BUCHANAN, Chm.

Remarks by N Buchanan, Wm H Ollis, Wm S Buchanan, and J M Stafford.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee report that missions is of heavenly origin; Jesus Christ, the Great Missionary, came from heaven to earth on a mission of mercy, bringing light and immortality to life through the Gospel: and were it not for missions, this blessed land of ours would have been in heathenish darkness, and as we enjoy and esteem the blessings of the Gospel, we should strive to impart it to others; as God has prospered us so we should give of our means as God does require us, as the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. If we are not willing to give anything to His cause, how can we expect Him to do anything for us: "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you;" and the Lord has told us to support the Gospel.

JOHN A. MILLER,
W. BUMGARNER, } Com.
J. W. DAVIS,

Remarks by John A Miller, S M Collis. Adjourned to hear a sermon on Mormonism by Elder S M Greene.

Called to order at 1 o'clock.

Your Committee on Temperance report the following:—Looking back over the past history of the Church, and seeing the great progress that has been made in the temperance cause, we have great reasons to "thank God, and take courage." Not a distiller in any of our Churches, not a member that will come out publicly and defend the making, vending, or drinking intoxicating liquors; but notwithstanding all that has been done, there remains much yet to be done. We fear some of our members dram-drink, which is a great impediment to the prosperity of the Church; therefore, from this time forth let our watch-word be Prohibition, Prohibition! until there shall not be a distillery or grog-shop in all our land and country. Respectfully submitted. S. M. GREENE, Chm.

Remarks by S M Greene, S M Collis, Wm S Buchanan, Wm H Ollis, A H Sparkes.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

From the best information that we can get, not more than half of our membership attend regularly at church services, not more than forty per cent. partake of the Lord's Supper, about ten per cent. attend Sunday School, less than five per cent. attend weekly prayer meeting, not more than one per cent. of our members hold family worship, about one and a half per cent. read our Denominational paper, about twenty-five per cent. pay something to the support of the Gospel, perhaps ten per cent. pay what they can. From this state of lethergy, dear brethren, our banner is trailing in the dust and our Master's cause bleeding at every pore: our churches lack spirituality. If ye would glority Him Who has purchased us with His blood, we must go into His vineyard and work for the salvation of the world.

J. M. STAFFORD, Chm.

Remarks by J M Stafford, S M Greene, Wm H Ollis, S M Collis, Wm S Buchanan, A H Sparkes.

The Committee on Finance report $15.25.

P. J. SHELL, }
T. G. MILLER, } Com.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education is essentially necessary to the development of the

physical, mental and moral faculties of any people; it is equally necessary to the development of the natural resources of any country, so much so that no people can be prosperous and happy without it. God has given us faculties capable of accomplishing much--both for our own happiness and His glory. He says to us, Get knowledge, and be wise and happy For the accomplishment of these ends we earnestly recommend the speedy erection, in our own county, of a suitable building for a school of high grade, that our boys and girls may be educated at home. We now recommend Globe Academy and Judson College as suitable places to send our boys and girls, until we shall have established a school of high grade in our own county. J. M. STAFFORD, Chm.

Remarks by J M Stafford, S M Collis, P J Shell.

On motion a committee was appointed to locate a site for a school of high grade, consisting of P J Shell, J M Stafford, Wm H Ollis, Newton Buchanan, J R Pritchard, S W Blalock and J C Blalock.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee beg leave to submit, that of all the institutions set forth in Sacred Writ, none are more knowingly neglected than that of Foreign Missions. The spirit of Missions is the Spirit of the Master; this is plainly and unequivocally taught in God's Word—none will presume to deny. Already much has been done towards the salvation of those who are in heathenish darkness, and much more remains yet to be done. Do we not desire to be instruments in the salvation of some poor benighted soul? Then we should come up to the requirements of the Word of the Lord in this particular. We can't plead ignorance as a neglect of such a plain duty. Then brethren let us give of our means, as the Lord doth prosper us, to send and support the Gospel in foreign lands. Respectfully submitted. WM. H. OLLIS.

Remarks by Wm H Ollis, S M Collis.

REPORT ON DESTITUTION.

We report Cranberry, Hollow Poplar and Horse Creek destitute of Baptist preaching. Your committee recommend that this Association appoint a missionary to supply these places with the Gospel. E. BUCHANAN, Chm.

On motion appointed a Mission Board consisting of one in each church in this Association, whose duty it shall be to meet and appoint a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Also to collect funds and pay over to the treasurer for the support of the missionary in the field. The following brethren were selected as a County Board:—Newton Buchanan, Nathan Allison, J R Greene, John A Miller, J M Stafford, John Riddle, S E K Buchanan, E Estes, J M Buchanan, T E Ollis, John Johnson, S Hughes, Jacob Davis, P J Shell, John G Burleson, Thomas Lowery, Ben Harrison, Isaac Cox, Isaac Grindstaff, S S Young, Jonathan Buchanan, H R Peak, James McKinney, L C Gouge, J R Pritchard.

Called for resolutions. The following resolutions were offered and adopted:

Resolved, That this Association advise the churches to enjoin upon her Pastor or minister to distribute the emblems of the broken body and spilt blood of the Son of God, at the Lord's table.

Resolved, That we appoint Wm S Buchanan, L H Greene, S M Collis and S M Greene to visit the Churches of the Black Mountain Association that is in this county, and ask them to join our Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are honestly tendered to Toe River Church and citizens for their abundant hospitality and kindness to us during the session of this body.

On motion the Clerk be paid five dollars for his services, and the remainder of the money on hand be expended for the printing of these minutes; the Clerk to superintend. Adjourned to meet at Elk Park, on Thursday before the 2d Sunday in September, 1887.

ORDAINED MINISTERS:

S. M. Collis, Stephen Buchanan, George Cook, J. M. Franklin, S. M. Greene, J. C. Sparks, Wm. S Buchanan, Wm. D. Mace, A. Brinkley, J. W. Buchanan, L. H. Greene, J. Burleson, E. Buchanan, E. A. Stamey, T. H. McCurry, J. Davis, J. C Blalock, R. B. Harrison, J. W. Putnam, Emsley Isaacs, Isaac Grindstaff.

Licentiates:—S. L. Buchanan, A. H. Sparkes.

Thus ends the third session of the Mitchell County Baptist Association. Elder L. H Greene, Moderator.

Elder S. M. Collis, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	BAPTIZED	BY LETTER	RESTORED	DISMISSED	EXCLUDED	DIED	TOTAL	CONTRIBUT'N	SUPPLY.	POST OFFICES.	PAID PASTOR.	FOR MISSIONS.	MEETING TIME
Roan Mountain	5		1	11			190	160	S M Greene.	Bakersvill.	$26 55	$10 00	3d Sunday
Grassy Creek							80	100	S M Collis.	Mica.			1st Sunday
Bear Creek	10	5	1	3	6	2	121	40	W C Parsons.	Ledger.	$25 00		4th Sunday
Fork Mountain	12	9	2		2		85	50	J W Putnam, G Cook.	Little R.Creek		$22 55	1st Sunday
Little Rock Creek	10	7	5	1	2	1	136	120	S M Greene.	Brighton.	$26 80		1st Sunday
Elk Park					10		73	125	S M Collis.	Elk Park			3d Sunday
Brushy Creek	5	4			5		29	55	J W Davis.	Calhoun.			1st Sunday
Linville River	4	2	2		1		31	35	E A Stamey.	Linville Cove.			
Cane Creek	10	11	2	3	7	1	70	75	S M Greene.	Bakersville.	$10 90		2d Sunday
Yellow Mountain	14	6	3		1	3	68	45	L H Greene.	Plum Tree.	$18 00		
Mount Pleasant	2			8	5	1	100	40	E M Isaacs.	" "			
Bakersville	3	3		3		1	79	90	S M Collis.	Bakersville.			4th&2d Sun
Cub Creek							32						
Roaring Creek	5			5	5		53	70	G Cook, J W Davis.		$14 50		3d Sunday
Toe River	5	6	1	1	3	6	78	75	J W Davis, A H Sparks	Frank.			
Big Meadow	7		1	1	1		54	70	J W Putnam.		$18 50		
Baptist Chapel							23		J W Buchanan.				2d Sunday
Peppers Creek		2			2		43	50	E A Stamey.				
Mount Vernon							28						
Liberty Hill							34	60	E Buchanan.				
White Oak	6	1		3	2	1	41	60	W S Buchanan, J W Duncan	Bakersville.			2d Sunday
Mine Creek	1	2	3	4	10	4	121	95	L H Green, I Grindstaff.	" "	$30 00		1st Sunday
Big Rock Creek							58						
Roan Valley	3	7					41	50	T H McCurry.	Glen Ayer.	$17 65		2d Sunday
Green Valley							18	70	L H Greene.	Calhoun.			
Sugar Mountain							8	50	J W Putnam.				
Jonas Ridge	2	2				1	19	50					
TOTAL	104	67	21	43	62	21	1813	16.15					

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THURSDAY, August 16th 1888.

...litche ...ssociation met with Mine Creek Baptist ...rch. ...introductory sermon was delivered by Elder E ...an. Te... : LUKE 19th chapter latter clase 13th verse.— ...d by Elder S M Collis, with some very appropriate remarks. ... a short recess the delegates were called to order by the ...tor; prayer by Eld. M B Hoyle. Appointed S E K Buchanan ...W Greene reading clerks. Read letters from the following ...s:

...Mountain:—S M Greene, W J Jones, M Young, N Bu- ...A Greene and J C Wilson.

...sy Creek:—J C Blalock, C M Washburn, sr.; J W Carver ...A Hollifield.

...Creek:—J W Duncan, Matthew Sparks, W Norman, John Stephen Sparks, Wm Duncan and M Buchanan

...Mountain:—Jas. McKinney and F P Slagle.

...Rock Creek:—S E K Buchanan, H B Buchanan, W A ...an.

...Park;—W G Buchanan, J L Oaks.

...ille:—No report.

...Creek:—Isaac Grindstaff, S S Young, P H Grindstaff, ...Kinney, Jno. Hall, R M Davis.

...Creek:—J L Greene, S J Black and Wm Greene.

...w Mountain:—S Buchanan, W H Ollis.

...Pleasant:—E Isaacs, J A Dison and John Johnson.

...Branch:—B M Hoyle, D W Greene, J T Wilson, L B ...and John Willis.

...ng Creek:—S A Hughes, Ben Pritchard and G Gouge.

...Meadows:—A S Johnson.

...Rock Creek:—S Bailey, Jas. Hurt, W W Buchanan and ...e.

...rsville:—S M Collis, W S Buchanan, Jno. Sparks, L H ...J M Stafford, D W Pannell, Athan Wilson, M Buchanan, ...ene and G W N Brown.

...y Creek:—W D Mace and E A Stamey.

...River:—J W Davis, A H Sparks, L L Ollis, E Ollis, N ... W M Buchanan and N A Buchanan.

...rab Tree:—Allen Davis and J D Ledford.

...Mountain:—Wm Staton, N Queen.

...Ridge:—Wm Barrier.

...Mount Vernon:—R. B. Harrison.

White Oak :— P H Wilson, J W Wilson [illegible]taff, S L Wilson and Wilburn Wilson.

Pepper's Creek :—Wm Wacaster.

Liberty Hill :—Jas. McNeal and W A McK[illegible].

Green Valley :—W B Renfrow, J R Greene and J E Mace.

Sugar Mountain :—Wesley Bumgarner.

Mount Vernon :—Isaac Willis.

Morning Grove :—S B Braswell and Wm Braswell.

Silver Chapel :— D A Gouge, M A Robertson, D R Silver and H L Hensley.

Chestnut Grove :—J H Wacaster, J H Carver, J R Wacaster, John Collis and George Wacaster.

McKinney Cove :—E Buchanan, M Wilson, A A Ellis, R Sparks and Wm Turbyfill.

Called for newly constituted churches, received one by the name of McKinney Cove. Also received churches from Yancey County Association, viz: Black Mountain, Big Crab Tree, Chestnut Grove, Silver Chapel and Lilly Branch.

Then proceeded to organize by electing Elder J W Duncan moderator and Elder S M Greene clerk.

Called for correspondents; received from Yancey county Elder W A Robertson and S P Huskins. J. Hughes a visitor.

On motion appointed the following committees, viz :

On Arrangements—W G Buchanan, S Buchanan, J M Stafford, W S Buchanan and J L Greene, with the moderator and clerk, with leave to invite correspondents and visiting brethren.

On Preaching—M Wilson, D W Greene, with pastor and delegates of Mine Creek Church.

State of the Churches—Wm Hollifield, L H Greene.

Destitution—W H Ollis, S M Greene.

Sabbath Schools—J M Stafford, N Buchanan.

Education—S J Black and W A Robertson.

Home Missions—J R Greene, N Deyton.

Foreign Missions—S M Collis, W J Jones.

Deaconship—D R Silver, B M Hoyle.

Ministry—S E K Buchanan, John Johnson.

Periodicals—D W Greene, R M Davis.

Temperance—S M Collis, Isaac Grindstaff.

Support of the Ministry—L H Greene, A Greene, E Buchanan

Obituaries—W G Buchanan, E Isaacs.

Finances—H L Hensley, S L Wilson.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder H Greene. Benediction by Elder S M Collis.

FRIDAY, August 17th.

Met according to adjournment. Spent half hour in devotional ercises, conducted by W A Robertson. Association called to ler by the moderator.

Report of the Committee of Arrangements read, received and nmittee discharged. Called the roll and marked absentees. ad rules of decorum. Read and adopted the minutes of sterday. Called on correspondents to report, who reported lsfactorily. Appointed correspondents, viz:

Yancey County—S M Collis, S M Greene, J C Blalock, A H arks, W J Jones, J C Sparks, J W Duncan, B M Hoyle, Isaac indstaff, S A Hughes, N Buchanan, W Norman, M Robertson l W S Buchanan.

Three Forks—E Isaacs, J A Dison, Wm Mace, W Bumgarner l W G Buchanan.

On motion agreed that any member go that wish to as a egate to any association.

Appointed the following delegates to the W. B. Convention: l Collis, S M Greene, J M Stafford and L H Greene.

The question of the Western Baptist Convention uniting with State Convention discussed by the brethren, some for and ne against it. The Association voted almost unanimously inst it.

Appointed a union meeting to commence on Friday before the Sunday in September next, at Green Valley Church. Elder l Greene to preach the introductory sermon and conduct the eting. Also agreed that the union meeting at Green Valley oint another to embrace the next fifth Sunday, etc., during the r.

Called on the Re-Districting Committee to report, who reported follows:

st District—To include Lilly Branch Church with all the rches north and west of said church.

d District—Including Liberty Hill, Bear Creek, Elk Mountain all the churches to Brushy Creek including, Brushy Creek.

d District—Including Yellow Mountain, Morning Grove and the churches above there.

The next session of this Association to be held with Grassy Creek Church, 12 miles south of Bakersville, to commence on Tuesday before the 3d Sunday in August, 1889, Elder J C Sparks to preach the introductory sermon; Elder L H Greene, alternate.

Appointed the following Board on Church Extension Work: J M Stafford, J R Greene, W H Ollis.

On motion adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'clock A. M. Prayer by W A Robertson. Benediction by the moderator.

SATURDAY, August 18th.

Met according to adjournment. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder S M Collis.

Resumed business. Appointed delegates to the Sunday School Convention, viz: S M Collis, S M Greene, L H Greene, W S Buchanan, S Buchanan, J C Blalock, W B Renfrow, I Grindstaff and E Buchanan.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Report on Associational Missions read by J R Greene. Remarks by J R Greene, J M Stafford, W A Robertson and others. Adoption of report postponed.

Report of Executive Board read by G W N Brown, viz, the year ending August 16th, 1888, work done by our missionary Elder S M Greene: Labored 118 days, preached during the year 181 sermons, delivered 91 exhortations, witnessed about 100 who profe sed conversion, baptized 34 persons, aided in the constitution of one church. RECEIPTS: public collections taken at the Association last year $6.55. From Amount Pledged by Delegates Grassy Creek $5; Mine Creek 1.75, McKinney Cove $2.50; Bear Creek $5: Roan Mountain $2.50; Green Valley $1; Toe River $3.35; Sugar Mountain $4.50; Bakersville $1 55. Collected on the field $64.47. Total amount $99.15.

Appointed Missionary Executive Board for next year, as follows: G W N Brown, J R Greene, D W Greene, J M Stafford and N Buchanan.

Board reported Elder S M Greene missionary for next year. The following pledges were then taken: Roan Mountain—J Buchanan, $4; Bear Creek—Milton Buchanan, $5; Bakersville—J M Stafford, $10; Cane Creek—S J Black, $5; Elk Park—J Oaks, $5; Big Meadows—A S Johnson, $1; Roaring Creek—S Hughes, $2; Toe River—A H Sparks, $5; Mine Creek—P

rindstaff, $5 ;Yellow Mountain—S Buchanan 50 cts. ; L H Greene ; Peppers Creek—Wm Wacaster $1 ; Green Valley—W B nfrow $2.50 ; Liberty Hill—Jas. McNeal $2 ; Sugar Mountain — esley Bumgarner $1.25 ; Jonas Ridge—Wm Barrier $3 ; Grassy eek—W A Hollifield $5 ; White Oak—P H Wilson $2 ; Big ck Creek—Jas. Hurt $2 ; Mount Vernon—Isaac Willis $1 ; rning Grove—S B Braswell $1 ; McKinney Cove—C McKin- y $2.50 ; Black Mountain—Wm Staton $5 ; Chestnut Grove— Carver $1 ; Big Crab Tree—A Davis $2 ; Silver Chapel—H L nsley $3 ; Lilly Branch—D W Greene $2 ; Mount Pleasant— Isaacs $2.

Report on the State of the Churches read by S M Collis, viz : e state of the churches is somewhat difficult to understand, ing to the reports—they are so diverse. Some have received additions by baptism ; others paid their pastors nothing : while ers paid but small salaries. Some seem to practice loose cipline. We therefore recommend the churches to stri up and al with disorderly members, and get rid of all such as do not e according to the gospel rule. The Church is the light of the rld ; therefore she should let her light shine by observing good rks. The Lord says "I know thy works."

W. A. Holifield, Chm.

Remarks by Elder S M Collis. Report adopted.

Report on Ministerial Support read by Elder L H Greene, viz : ur Committee report the following : God has ordained that y that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel. We would refore recommend that the churches of this Association pay ir pastors a sufficient amount that will enable them to devote ir whole time to pastoral work. In order to do that, we would ommend the churches to adopt a system whereby the church d pastor may know at the calling of the pastor what his salary l be, so that there will be no misunderstanding afterward.

L. H. Greene, Chm.

Remarks by L H Greene, T C Greene, S M Collis, S M Greene d J M Stafford. Report adopted.

Report on Sabbath Schools read by J M Stafford. Your Com- ttee on Sabbath Schools respectfully submit the following : We thankful and encouraged to know that in almost every church

it; churches have passed stingent rules against it—all of which i right; but yet the curse prevails to an alarming extent. Churche and ministers should not relax their efforts to exterminate th evil. But we believe national prohibition is the only remedy tha will prove effectual. Therefore let us strive to get men in powe who are in favor of national prohibition. It is useless for us t preach prohibition and pray for prohibition, and then go to th polls and vote for men who are in favor of the liquor traffic. O let us be consistant; not preach and pray one way, and go and d another. Remarks by S M Collis and others.

S. M. Collis, Chm.

Report on Obituaries read by W G Buchanan: Your Com mittee find after examining the letters of the Churches that twe four of the brethren and sisters of this Association have falle asleep since our last session of this body. These can meet wit us no more in council; but we should not sorrow as others th have no hope; knowing that those who sleep in Jesus will G bring with him.

Wm. G. Buchanan, Chm.

Elder George Cook, who departed this life during the past yea —though he is dead, he yet speaketh. His vacant seat in t church speaketh; his vacant seat in the Association speaketh, f he always filled his seat when able. Oh, how we miss his god counsel. But, alas! he is no more with us here upon earth, b we believe that he is in that great Association in Heaven, whe the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest. B Cook was not what might be termed a great preacher in the pul but his pious life and godly conversation were such that he l left an example behind him worthy of imitation. We feel th we can cheerfully say "well done, good and faithful servant."

S. M. Greene

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That this Association commence its session Tuesday before the 3d Sunday in August, hereafter.

Resolved, That this Association tender its thanks to brethren and friends of Mine Creek for their kind hospitality the entertainment of this Association.

J. M Stafford

Your Committee on Finance report $23.30.
On motion the clerk be paid $5.00 for his services.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

S. M. Collis, Stephen Buchanan, J. M. Franklin, S. M. Greene, J. C. Sparks, W. S. Buchanan, W. D. Mace, A. Brinkley, J. W. Buchanan, L. H. Greene, E. Buchanan, E. A. Stamey, T. H. McCurry, J. Davis, J. C. Blalock, J. W. Putnam, E. Isaacs, Isaac Grindstaff, W. J. Jones, S. L. Buchanan, J. W. Duncan, B. M. Holye, W. G. Buchanan, S. A. Hughes, J. Burleson. **LICENTIATES:** A. H. Sparks, M. Woody, Charles McKinney.

Adjourned to meet at Grassy Creek on Tuesday before the 3d Sunday in August, 1889. Prayer by S M Greene. Benediction by W. A. Robertson. Thus ends the fifth session of the Mitchell County Baptist Association.

J. W. DUNCAN,
Moderator.

S. M. GREENE,
Clerk.

16 miles from Marion.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	BAPTIZED	BY LETTER...	RESTORED...	DISMISSED.....	EXCLUDED....	DIED	TOTAL .....
Roan Mountain.....	7	6		29		4	169
Grassy Creek.....	12	2	5	14		2	76
Bear Creek.....	14	8	2	3	3	1	152
Little Rock Creek.....	2	16		2	4	2	166
Fork Mountam		2		1		2	89
Elk Park		1		5	1	2	71
Mine Creek.		2	1	5	5	2	123
Cane Creek.....	1			7	2	1	67
Yellow Mountain.....	6	1	2	1	9	1	66
Mount Pleasant.....		4		2	3		91
Lilly Branch.....	12	1	2	3	3	2	106
Roaring Creek.....	7		6	1	3		63
Big Meadows	12		2	3	6		56
Big Rock Creek.....	4						
Bakersville.....		4		14	3	1	90
Brushy Creek		6			5		20
Toe River.	11	5	3	1	4	1	74
Big Crabtree.....				4	3	1	45
Black Mountain.....	8	5		3	1		67
Jonas Ridge.....	2		2		2		16
White Oak.....	6	2	1			1	43
Liberty Hill.....			1	3	2		26
Green Valley.....	6	4	4				33
Sugar Mountain.....	3						1
Morning Grove.....	1	2					20
Silver Chapel.....	15	8	1				60
Chestnut Grove.....	6	7		1		1	2
McKinney Cove.....	12	1					53
TOTAL.....	147	87	32	102	59	24	187

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PPLY.	POST OFFICES.	PAID PASTOR.	FOR MISSIONS.	MEETINGTIME
s.	Bakersvill.	$75 00	$5 50	3d Sunday
s.	"	$50 00	$7 80	1st Sunday
ons.	Ledger.			4th Sunday
ene.	Bakersville.	$29 75		3d Sunday
y, J C Sparks	Little R.Creek			1st Sunday
hanan.	Elk Park			
ne.	Bakersville.		$1 75	1st Sunday
ne.	"		$1 00	2d Sunday
ne.	"	$18 00		4th Sunday
am.				
can.	Ledger			
s.		$5 00		3d Sunday
an.	Spear	$13 25	$10 00	2d Sunday
s.	Bakersville.			
s.	"	$83 60	$6 40	2d Sunday
hanan.	Elk Park.	$18 00	$3 35	
ne.	Bakersville.			
ene.	"	$10 00		1st Sunday
		$12 50		4th Sunday
can,	" "		$5 00	2d Sunday
s.	Spear.	$22 85	$1 00	3d Sunday
es.	Aaron.		$4 50	
anan.				
an.	Ledger.			
dstaff.	Mica.			3d Sunday
e.	Bakersville.		$7 00	4th Sunday
		$367.95	$53 30	

Proceedings.

AUGUST 13TH, 1889.

The Mitchell County Baptist Association met with Grassy Creek Baptist Church at 11 o'clock A. M. Introductory sermon preached by Rev. J. C. Sparks; text: HEB. 12th chapter 1st verse.

After a recess of 30 minutes the delegates were called to order by Rev. J. W. Duncan, former moderator; prayer by Rev. W. H. Ollis. The following brethren were appointed reading clerks: W. H. Ollis and J. M. Stafford. Letters read from the following churches:

Roan Mountain:—S. M. Greene, W. J. Jones, W. O. Wilson, A. Greene. N. Buchanan and R. Young.

Grassy Creek:—J. C. Blalock, D. M. Washburn, sen., D. M. Washburn, jr., W. Woody, R. Y. Blalock and E. J. Lowery.

Bear Creek:—J. W. Duncan, A. Brinkley, J. C. Young and W. Norman.

Fork Mountain:—F. P. Slagle, J. W. Slagle and Wm. Greene.

Little Rock Creek:—S. L. Buchanan, S. Young.

Elk Park:—W. G. Buchanan, J. R. Pritchard, W. W. Carroll.

Mine Creek:—Isaac Grindstaff, I. McKinney, S. S. Young, H. H. Grindstaff.

Cane Creek:—J. L. Greene, Wm. Ward, Wm. Greene.

Yellow Mountain:—W. H. Ollis, Zeb. Buchanan.

Mount Pleasant:—B. W. Benfield, Burton Daniels.

Lilly Branch:—Henry Grindstaff, J. M. Willis.

Roaring Creek:—T. H. McCurry.

Big Meadows:—W. Carpenter, J. W. Stamey.

Big Rock Creek:—J. Buchanan, Thos. Buchanan.

Bakersville:—S. M. Collis, J. C. Sparks, L. H. Greene, W. S. Buchanan, J. M. Stafford, M. D. Wilson, G. A. Buchanan, Taylor Quinn.

Toe River:—Len Ollis.

Big Crabtree:—T. M. Sparks, A. Davis.

Black Mountain:—J. S. Collis, John Silver, G. M. Byrd.

White Oak:—M. Wilson, W. Wilson, A. Grindstaff, John Grindstaff.

Pepper's Creek:—T. L. Lowery, Geo. Wacaster, W. T. Wacaster.

Liberty Hill:—Isaac Cox, W. A. McKinney,

Green Valley:—J. R. Greene, J. T. Ollis.

Aaron:—J. T. Braswell, C. T. Bumgarner.

Mount Vernon:—R. B. Harrison.

Silver Chapel :—G. D. Gouge.

Chestnut Grove :—J. H. Wacaster, A. H. Carver, John Collis, Wm. Gaddy.

McKinney Cove :—E. Buchanan, A. Buchanan, S. McKinney, H. T. Wilson.

Horse Creek :—Henry Hoilman, D. C. Hartley.

Called for newly constituted churches; received one by the name of Horse Creek. Then proceeded to organize by electing Elder J. W. Duncan moderator and Elder S. M. Greene clerk.

Called for correspondents; received none. On motion invited visiting brethren from sister Associations,—Rev. M. M. Landrum, Rev. J. C. Sorrells and bro. Wm. Buchanan, from Green River, accepted seats with us; from Stoney Fork, Rev. R. S. Hayes; from Yancey county, bro. Winfield Buchanan. The following committees were then appointed viz:

On Arrangements—S. M. Collis, W. S. Buchanan, J. R. Pritchard, L. H. Greene and J. M. Stafford, with the moderator and clerk, with leave to invite visiting brethren.

On Preaching—N. Buchanan, J. L. Greene, with pastor and delegates of Grassy Creek Church.

On the State of the Churches—W. H. Ollis, J. M. Stafford.

On Destitution—S. M. Collis, E. Buchanan.

On Education—J. C. Sorrells, D. M. Washburn, jr.

On Associational Missions—N. Buchanan, H. T. Wilson.

On Foreign Missions—J. C. Sparks, J. C. Blalock, J. M. Stafford.

On Deaconship—R. S. Hayes, W. S. Buchanan.

On the Ministry—W. W. Carroll, S. M. Collis.

On Periodicals—M. M. Landrum, T. H. McCurry, I. Grindstaff.

On Temperance—J. T. Braswell W. J. Jones.

On Support of the Ministry—L. H. Greene, S. L. Buchanan.

On Obituaries—M. D. Wilson, Jno. Young, T. H. McCurry.

On Church Building—J. M. Stafford, W. W. Carroll, J. C. Blalock.

On Finances—H. T. Wilson, A. Greene.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Eld. J. C. Sorrells; benediction by Eld. S. M. Collis.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14TH

Met according to adjournment. Spent half hour in devotional exercises, conducted by bro. S. M. Collis. Association called to order by the moderator.

Report of the committee of arrangements read, received, and committee discharged; called the roll and marked absentees;

read and adopted minutes of yesterday; called on correspondents to report.

On motion appointed a committee on Resolutions, viz: J. M. Stafford and W. G. Buchanan.

On motion appointed the following committee: W. G. Buchanan and Henry Hoilman, to enquire and find out whether or not the Churches are taking the advice of the Association upon the subject of temperance, and report during this session. See report.

Appointed correspondents as follows:

Yancey County Association—W. S. Buchanan, W. J. Jones, N. Buchanan, J. W. Duncan, J. C. Young.

Three Fork—S. M. Collis, W. G. Buchanan, J. M. Stafford, J. R. Pritchard, L. H. Greene.

Western Baptist Convention—S. M. Collis, J. M. Stafford, W. H. Ollis, L. H. Greene, S. M. Greene.

On motion appointed the following committee to prepare a report in regard to whether or not we should recognize Free Will Baptism: S. M. Collis, M. M. Landrum, J. M. Stafford, W. H. Ollis and J. R. Pritchard. Said committee to report during this session. See report.

The next session of this Association to be held with Aaron Baptist Church, six miles east of Cranberry, and two miles west of Linville City, to commence on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1890, Elder L. H. Greene to preach the introductory sermon; Elder W. H. Ollis, alternate.

At 11 o'clock a very interesting sermon was preached by bro. J. C. Sorrells from the 38th verse of the 4th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

Took recess for one hour, after which the delegates assembled in the house for business. Called to order by the moderator, and resumed business viz:

Your committee appointed to say whether or not we should recognize the baptism of the Free Will denomination in receiving members from their churches, respectfully answer NO. Inasmuch as they teach and practice open communion and other doctrine inconsistent to our faith and practice, we cannot be consistent and receive them into our fellowship on their baptism. We would therefore advise our Churches to adhere in the future strictly to this advice. Remarks by bro. Landrum. Report adopted unanimously, and Association sang "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

Your committee appointed to ascertain whether or not the Churches are carrying out the rules of the Association in regard

to retaining members who indulge in the use of intoxicating liquors, submit the following: We have Gospel evidence that the Toe River Church retains members who continue to indulge excessively in the use of intoxicating liquors. We also have information that there are other Churches whose members indulge in this pernicious habit. We would therefore recommend that this Association withdraw from Toe River Church, and that the pastors of all the Churches see that the advice of the Association on this subject be carried out, and we will likewise withdraw from any Church which fails to do so.

S. M. Collis, Chm.
Henry Hoilman, } Committee.
J. M. Stafford.

Report adopted. Adjourned till to-morrow morning 8½ o'clock. Prayer by M. M. Landrum; benediction by J. C. Sorrells

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Thursday, August 15th.

Met according to adjournment. Spent half hour in devotional exercises, conducted by bro. Hayes. Association called to order by the moderator, and resumed business viz:

Report on temperance read by Elder S. M. Collis, viz: The principle of temperance is abundantly taught in the Word of the Lord.—Lev. 10 chap. 8, 9, 10 and 11 verses; Num. 6 chap. 3 and 4 vs, Deut. 29 chap. 18, 19, 20, vs; Esther 1 chap. 10 v; Prov 23 chap. 29, 30 31 and 32 vs, Is. 5 chap. 11, 12, 13 and 14 vs., also 22 and 23 vs; Dan. 1 chap. 8 and 12 vs; Hab. 2 chap. 15 and 16 vs; Mat. 24 chap. 49, 50 and 51 vs; Luke 1 chap. 15 v; Rom. 14 chap. 21 v. These are a few of the Scriptures that condemn the use of ardent spirits, and in view of this array of testimony, let us all use our influence against the making and vending of the same. Let us look around us and see the deaths and destruction caused by its use. Our hearts sicken to think of the heart broken mothers, grieving about their sons who have been ruined by its use. We are informed that there are 421 boys in the penitentiaries now, who have been brought there by its use. Oh! let us all put our efforts together and stop the awful curse. [A temperance speech made by Elder S. M. Collis.] Report adopted.

J. T. Braswell. Chm.
W. J. Jones.

Report on destitution read by Elder S. M. Collis, viz: Your committee on destitution report the following: That all this county and the Churches in it, are destitute to a considerable extent, from the fact that the Churches only have preaching

once a month, when they should have it every Sabbath. There are but few sections of this county but what have casual preaching, but none of the Churches have preaching as they should until they have preaching every week. Therefore the Churches should increase the salaries of their pastors so that they could devote all their time to the work of the ministry. This done and all the destitution will be supplied.

S. M. Collis, Chm, E. Buchanan.

Remarks by D. M. Washburn, jr., S. M. Collis and others. Report adopted.

Association adjourned business at 11 o'clock to hear bro. Landrum preach. His subject was the commission of the Savior to the Apostles, "Go ye into all the world," &c. The sermon was delivered with great power and earnestness on the calls and cries of the heathen for help, and was listened to attentively.

After taking recess one hour the Association resumed business. Report on the deaconship read by W. S. Buchanan, viz: We believe it to be the duty of the deacons to look after the finances of the Church, take up collections, and see that the widows, orphans, poor of the Church and the pastors are all cared for.

R. S. Hayes, Chm.

Your committee on the State of the Baptist houses of worship submit the following: It is a serious fact that the important part of the work of the Church has been inexcusably neglected, but we find the spirit of church building reviving in almost all of our churches. We are persuaded that if the Churches could receive the proper encouragement on this subject, that the deficiency would soon be overcome. We would therefore recommend that the Association appoint a suitable person to travel in the bounds of this Association and mature plans, raise means for, andsuperintend church building and repairing.

J. M. Stafford, Chm., W. W. Carroll.

On motion appointed bro. J. M. Stafford to superintend the building and repairing of houses of worship in the bounds of the Association.

Report on the Ministry read by W. W. Carroll, viz: That while there are a few of our ministers who appear to be doing the best they can under the circumstances, a majority of them are deficient in consecration, church discipline, industry, enterprise, and especially in zeal in their calling. It is a lamentable fact that from the above named causes many of our Churches are spiritually dead, retrograding, and almost gone out of

existance, and numbers of souls in our own midst perishing for spiritual instruction. We do therefore most sincerely beg our ministers to strive to show themselves workmen approved of God; and we believe the Churches will stand by them and give them a liberal support, for God has said that they that preach the Gospel shall live by the Gospel. W. W. CARROLL, Chm.

S. M. COLLIS.

Remarks by Landrum, Carroll and others. Report adopted.

Report on Ministerial Support read by W. G. Buchanan, viz: Your Committee report that the pastors of the different Churches of this Association are not supported as they should be, and for this cause the work of the pastor is neglected. We fear that the Churches have forgotten that the Lord says, "thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn." Therefore we would recommend that all the Churches adopt a system by which they and their pastors may be able to do the work that the Master has assigned them to do, so that pastors will cease to murmur, and no longer be beggars; the churches must wake up, and get out of this state of lethargy.

L. H. GREENE, Chm.

Report on Education read by D. M. Washburn, viz: We find there is no school in Mitchell county to meet the demands of the Baptist. We therefore recommend that this body take a subscription giving the members of this body a chance, before adjourning, to raise a fund to build and establish a school of high grade within the bounds of this Association, in order to accommodate our people, or youths, with an opportunity to educate themselves. We recommend this body to appoint a committee of seven energetic, live men, who will be willing to suffer hardships and privations for the cause. Also recommend that a treasurer be elected who shall give a justified bond to hold these means when paid over. "Whatsoever thy hand find to do, do it with all thy might." J. C. SORRELLS, Chm.

On motion appointed the following committee to confer with bro. J. C. Bowman, of Bakersville, in regard to taking stock in the house he is building; if not, to locate some suitable place for a high school, viz: J. M. Stafford, W. H. Ollis, J. R. Greene, D. M. Washburn, jr., J. R. Pritchard, Wm. D. Long and S. W. Blalock.

The following pledges were then taken, viz: M. M. Landrum, $10; J. C. Sorrells, $5, J. M. Stafford, $50; S. M. Collis, $5; D. M. Washburn, $10; J. R. Greene, $50; L. H. Greene, $25; W. S. Buchanan, $10; Geo. Buchanan, $10; N. Buchanan,

$5; Taylor Quinn, $5; E. Buchanan, $5; S. M. Greene, $5; J. R. Pritchard, $5; H. T. Wilson, $5; R. Young, $2; R. Y. Blalock, $5; J. Washburn, $5; Milton Wilson $2; J. W. Duncan, $5; Wilburn Wilson, $2; W. D. Long, $5; W. W. Carroll, $5; W. H. Ollis, $5; Isaac Cox, $2; Henry Hollman, $2; T. H. McCurry, paid $1; W C Hickey, $25.

Adjourned till 8½ o'clock morrow morning. Prayer by Rev. M. M. Landrum; benediction by W. G. Buchanan.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16TH.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by bro. Sorrells. Association called to order by the moderator.

Report on Periodicals read by bro. Landrum, viz: Your committe report—No people like to be classed and designated as ignorant; and no people can be otherwise without education, and people cannot be educated without literature—not only books, but the very best newspaper—one or more, as he may be able, should be placed in the hands of our young people, at least one to every family. I had rather dispense with any luxury than to be deprived of a good religious paper: and it is due the children of every family, and it is the duty of parents to furnish it them. We would respectfully recommend to you the BIBLICAL RECORDER, CHARITY AND CHILDREN and your own Asheville BAPTIST. Brethren, the last named is your own paper, and will be just what you as a denomination make it. Now it is for you, as a part of the Western Convention, to say whether it shall be a success or not. M. M. LANDRUM, Chm.

Remarks by bro Landrum. Report adopted.

Time was given bro. Stafford to take subscriptions for the Asheville BAPTIST,—got several.

Report of the committee on the State of the Churches read by bro. Stafford: A Baptist Church is not a collection of people baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, but a body of baptized believers united by faith and love in the teachings of Christ, and living over again the life of Christ, and working with every legitimate means to establish his kingdom in the world. We find a few such characters in most of our Churches, bearing the heat and burden of the day, but it is a lamentable fact that a large majority of our membership falls far below the standard in Consecration and the work of the Master. Brethren let us reconsecrate ourselves, and rally around the blood-stained banner of our Captain, and unfurl it in every nook and corner of our land.

J. M. STAFFORD, Chm.
W. H. OLLIS.

Report on Foreign Missions read by bro. Stafford, viz: We, the Baptist, are indebted to the New Testament for our ecclesiastical existence. When confessions, the whipping post, the jails, the torch, and all the power of the pope were against us by a tremendous majority, the Bible has ever stood by us. It is ours to-day. The Baptist alone gave the world the Bible in its true rendering. The world is dependent upon the Baptist for the Bible unaltered. Therefore it is our indispensable duty to send the word of life to those who have it not. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us, that we might help them who can not help themselves. Two-thirds of our own race know not the true God. Let us glorify God by sending the Gospel to those who have it not, that God may be glorified in them.

J. M. STAFFORD, Chm.

Remarks by bro. Stafford. Report adopted.

Collection taken for Foreign Missions amounting to $3.00. On motion agreed to send the same to our mission field in Mexico.

Report on Mission Board: At our first meeting in August, 1888, we employed Elder S. M. Greene as a missionary, at one dollar per day. Missionary labored under the Board as follows: 38 days—26 sermons—14 exhortations—44 professions—56 additions—10 baptisms—paid missionary $34.90

We would recommend the continuation of the Mission Board, and that said Board collect all the funds possible, and employ a missionary to labor in the destitue sections of our Association according to the funds raised.

J. M. STAFFORD, Chm.
J. R. GREENE,

On motion agreed to continue the present Mission Board, and that they have the liberty of taking pledges and collecting all unpaid back pledges for Associational Missions. See pledges in last year's minutes.

Called on Historian to report—Historian made a verbal report

On motion Historian given to next Association to write a completo report.

On motion appointed a Ministers' and Deacons' Institute to commence at Bakersville on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in November next; S. M. Collis, J. M. Stafford and W. S. Buchanan, Committee on Programme.

Committee on Finance report $21.90 minute fund.

H. T. WILSON, Chm.
A. GREENE.

Report on obituaries. Your committee on Obituaries submit the following: Since the last meeting of this body the messenger death has visited us and struck down one of our promising young ministers in the very bloom of youth. Brother John Davis bid fair for a life of usefulness, but the Lord has called him to his reward. "The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

M. D. WILSON, Chm.

RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLVED, That we advise and insist upon the Churches of this Association reading and adopting or rejecting the minutes of the same at their first meeting after the minutes are received,

2d, And if adopted, that they be enforced and carried out to the full intent and purpose of the same.

3d, And that each Church report to the Association next year, whether adopted or rejected; if adopted, whether or not carried out in practice. J. M. STAFFORD.

RESOLVED, That this Association tender its sincere thanks to the brethren, sisters and citizens in general of this community for their kind hospitality and liberal entertainment of the same. And also to the Methodist brethren for the use of their house of worship. J. M. STAFFORD.

Association closed to meet at the time and place above named, after listening to a very interesting sermon preached by Elder M. M. Landrum, from Jeremiah 23d chap. part of 6th verse. Closing prayer by W. H. Ollis.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.

S. M. Collis, Stephen Buchanan, J. M. Franklin, S. M. Greene, J. C. Sparks, W. S. Buchanan, W. D. Mace, A. Brinkley, J. W. Buchanan, L. H. Greene, E. Buchanan, E. A. Stamey, T. H. McCurry, J. C. Blalock, J. W. Putnam, E. Isaacs, Isaac Grindstaff, W. J. Jones, S. L. Buchanan, J. W. Duncan, B. M. Hoyle, W. G. Buchanan, S. A. Hughes, J. Burleson, M. Woody.

S. M. GREENE, Clerk. J. W. DUNCAN, Moderator.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	BAPTIZED	BY LETTER	RESTORED	DISMISSED	EXCLUDED	DIED	TOTAL	CONTRIBUTN
Roan Mountain	1	0	0	0	2	3	165	$1
Grassy Creek	3	4	4	6	4	3	98	
Bear Creek	7	1	4	1	3	1	159	
Fork Mountain	7	25	3	5	6	1	107	
Little Rock Creek	0	0	0	5	13	2	148	1
Elk Park	11	6	1	0	1	0	80	1
Mine Creek.	2	2	3	2	1	1	113	1
Cane Creek	10	0	0	0	4	1	88	1
Yellow Mountain	0	0	0	3	0	1	61	
Mount Pleasant	0	0	0	0	1	1	88	
Lilly Branch	0	4	0	2	1	0	111	
Bakersville	1	2	0	3	1	0	100	1
Roaring Creek	1	0	2	2	7	0	61	
Big Meadows	9	11	4	1	0	1	76	
Big Rock Creek	0	0	0	0	2	3	54	
Toe River.	3	0	0	14	2	1	60	
Big Crabtree	5	6	0	2	0	0	52	
Black Mountain	13	4	1	3	1	0	78	
White Oak	0	0	1	0	2	0	39	
Liberty Hill	0	0	1	3	0	0	13	
Green Valley	4	10	3	0	2	4	50	
Silver Chapel	0	0	1	2	5	1	46	
Chestnut Grove	1	2	0	0	0	0	29	
McKinney Cove	0	2	0	0	3	1	51	
Mount Vernon	0	3	1	1	0	0	28	
Pepper's Creek	1	4	0	6	11	4	43	
Aaron	1	5	0	0	0	0	14	
Horse Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	
TOTAL	80	91	29	51	72	29	2033	$21

TABLE.

SUPPLY.	POST OFFICES.	PAID PASTOR.	FOR MISSIONS.
M Greene.	Bakersvill.	$50 00	$5 00
Buchanan	"	3 10	1 00
W Duncan,	Ledger.	25 00	
H Greene.	Bakersville.	40 00	
M Greene.	"	20 00	
G Buchanan.	Elk Park	51 75	10 75
C Sparks.	Bakersville.	18 00	
H Greene.	"		4 25
H Greene.	"	21 10	
Stamey.			
W Duncan.	Ledger	25 00	
M Collis.	Bakersville.	85 00	3 73
H McCurry,		5 00	
Buchanan.	Spear	11 00	9 25
C Sparks.	Bakersville.		
W Buchanan.			
ıac Grindstaff.	Bakersville.	9 00	
M Greene.	"	40 00	
W Duncan,	Ledger.	6 45	
ıac Grindstaff,	Bakersville.	9 00	
H Ollis.	Spear.	14 10	
ıac Grindstaff,		22 60	
C Sparks.	Bakersville.	12 27	
J Blalock,	Spruce Pine		
S Hayes.	Gragg.		
J Shell.	Aaron.		11 15
H Greene.	Bakersville.		
		$468 42	$45 13

MINUTES

Of The 7th. Anual Session

OF

The Mitchell County Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Aaron Church

Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Sept. 25—26—27—28——1890

Eld. S. M. Greene, Moderator. Eld. W. G. Buchanan, Clerk.

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THE ASSOCIATION MET AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M.

SEPT. 25th 1890.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Ollis— text latter clause 1st. verse 3rd. chapter of Pauls Letter to Titus.

On motion the association was organized as follows— called for letters from the churches— appointed Brethren J. C. Blalock and W. J. Jones, reading Clerks— read letters from 26 churches and enroled delegates names as follows, viz:—

Lily Branch:— D. W. Greene and James T. Wilson.

Bakersville:— L. H. Greene, W. S. Buchanan, J. M. Stafford, Geo. A. Buchanan and L. A. Berry.

Yellow Mountain:— Stephen Buchanan, W. H. Ollis, R. B. Pitman and Geo. Buchanan.

Black Mountain:— J. S. Collis and W. D. Long.

Jonas' Ridge:— T. W. Keller.

White Oak:— J. N. Wilson, I. Grindstaff and Wilburn Wilson.

Fork Mountain:— James McKiney and J. C. Sparks.

McKiney Cove:— E. Buchanan and J. S. McKiney.

Roaring Creek:— Garrett Gouge and S. A. Hughes.

Bear Creek:— John Willis, Samuel Buchanan, D. J. English, John Duncan and J. W. Duncan.

Big Crabtree:— Allen Davis.

Mount Pleasant:— Emsley Isaacs, B. H. Benfield, Richard Isaacs, Joseph Crisp, John Johnson and T. M. Reed.

Mine Creek:— R. M. Davis, James Davis and Isaac McKiney.

Green Valley:— J. R. Greene.

Liberty Hill:— Letter, but no delegate.

Big Meadows:— Wm. Vance and Z. D. Pyatt.

Elk Park:— W. G. Buchanan, J. L. Oakes and N. P. Oakes.

Grassy Creek:— J. C. Blalock, H. W. McKiney and D. M. Washburn sr.

Aaron:— C. P. Braswell, J. H. Dickson and C. S. Bumgarner.

Big Rock Creek:— A. K. Hall and S. C. Gouge.

Horse Creek:— Jesse Hartly, J. Davis and D. C. Hartly.

Toe River:— Wm. Buchanan, J. A. Sparks and B. A. Ollis.

Roan Mountain: S. M. Greene, W. J. Jones, N. Buchanan, James E. Young and Milton Buchanan.

Little Rock Creek:— H. Buchanan.

Linville:— J. Franklin and Wm. Bristol.

Cane Creek:— Samuel Black, J. L. Greene, Wm. Greene and M. B. Greene.

Mount Vernon:— Letter, but no delegate.

Silver Chapel, Chestnut Grove and Morning Grove not represented.

Called for newly constituted churches, received none. On motion, restored Toe River church back as a member of the association. Then proceeded to the election of officers as follows Eld. S. M. Greene moderator, Eld. W. G. Buchanan, clerk.

Called for correspondents and received Eld. J. Younce, from the Three Forks Association, Eld. A. S. Church and J S. Crisp from the Caldwell Association.

Called for visiting brethren and received Eld. J. W. Braswell from Wautauga Association, Rev. E. M. Gregg and B. S. Hays from Stony Fork Association Bro. W. W. Presnell from Three Fork.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees, Viz: On arrangements, J. Duncan, Stephen Buchanan, J. C. Sparks, H. Ollis and C. Blalock, with the Moderator, Clerk and correspondent.

On Preaching, Thomas and Reed and J. L. Greene with, the Pator and delegates of Aaron church.

On the State of the Churches, E. Buchanan and L. H. Greene.

On Education, A. S. Church and J. M. Stafford.

On Associational Missions, N. S. Buchanan and J. Youce.

On Foreign missions, W. H. Ollis and J. C. Blalock.

On The Deaconship, J. C. Sparks and W. J. Jones.

On The Ministry, N. Buchanan and J. Johnson.

On Temperance, J. D. Crisp and E. Gregg.

On the support of the Ministry, E. Isaacs, W. W. Presnell and W. J. Braswell.

On Obituary, J. M. Stafford, D. C. Hartly and A. K. Hall

On Finance, D. W. Greene and D. M. Washburn.

On motion appointed a committee on the Thomasville Orphanage consisting of W. H. Ollis, W. D. Long, A. S Church, and J. C. Blalock.

On motion of W. H. Ollis, Local Methodist Ministers were invited to seats in the Association— motion carried.

On motioned adjourned uutil 9 oclock to morrow morning— Prayer by Eld. J. C. Blalock.

FRIDAY SEPT. 26th 1890

Met according to abjournment—Spent half an hour in Praise Service conducted by Eld. J. Younce, after which the house was called to order by the moderator.

Called for committee on arrangements to depart. Report received, adopted and committee discharged.

On motion appointed J. M. Stafford, D. W. Greene and P. J. Shell to answer querry.

On motion appointed W. S. Buchanan, J. C. Blalock and W. H. Ollis to revise list of ministers names.

On motion appointed J. M. Stafford and P. J. Shell committee on destitution.

Called roll and marked absentees.

On motion it is ordered that the name of any delegate, who shall report before the close of the session, be dropped for the minutes.

On motion agreed that the next association be held with Fork Mountain church andthat Eld. L. H. Greene preach the introductory sermon and that P. J. Shell be his alternate.

Appointed the following correspondents to Yancy County Association viz:—

J. W. Duncan, W. S. Buchanan, E. Buchanan, S M. Silver, S. M. Greene and S. A. Hughes.

Three Forks, J M Stafford, W G Buchanan, L Greene, J M Franklin, S Buchanan, W Buchanan, A K Hall and N P Oakes

Caldwell, J D Crisp, P J Shell, J W Keller, J T Braswell, W H Ollis, S J Black J M Stamey and M Stafford.

Watauga: J. L. Oakes, W. G. Buchanan, W. H. Ollis and S C. Gouge.

On motion agreed to correspond with Stony Fork Association and appointed E. Isaacs, Thomas Reed, B. H. Benfield and Stephe

Buchanan correspondents.

The Rule of Decorum was read by J. M. Stafford, Rules adopted. See rules.

On motion appointed a Fifth Sunday Meeting to meet with Elk Park Baptist church on Friday before the 5th. Sunday in Nov. 1890.

On motion appointed W. G. Buchanan, J. M. Stafford and A. S. Church, committee of Programme for said meeting.

On motion appointed a standing committee on Obituaries: viz: 1st, District, J. M. Stafford, 2nd. District S. M. Silver, 3rd. District P. J. Shell.

On motion Brother A. E. Booth of Globe Caldwell Co. N. C. was invited to a seat in the Association.

Appointed Brethren J. M. Stafford and W. H. Ollis delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Called on mission board to report, who submitted the following viz:

"Your mission board would submit the following with shame faces: We have done nothing in the way of associational missions in the past year. J. M. Stafford, J. R. Greene, G. W. N. Brown and D. W. Greene.— committee.

Remarks by J. M. Stafford and N. Buchanan. Report adapted.

On motion elected Eld. E. Buchanan Missionary to travel in the bounds of the association.

On motion appointed a mission board consisting of J. M. Stafford, N. Buchanan, S. M. Silver, J. R. Greene and Thomas M. Reed.

Historian's Report.

"Your Historian would submit the following: I worked on the history all the time I possibly could spare from my business. I have about two thirds of the history written, and promise the association that I will have the history ready to read at your next meeting— God willing."

J. M. Stafford, Historian.

Remarks by J. M. Stafford. Report adopted.

Report on the Thomasville Orphanage read by J. C. Blalock·

"We are glad to say that our Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville is one of the best institutions, presented to our minds. Therefore we highly reccommend this Association to encourage all the delegates among their churches— getting up means to support this grand institution. So that our poor children may be cared for. There are now one hundred and thirty eight orphans there dependent upon the Baptist of the State."

Respectfully submited,

J. C. Blalock.
W. H. Ollis. } Commitee.
A. S. Church.

Remarks by J. C. Blalock, A. S. Church, A. E. Booth, and S. J. Black.— Report adopted.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock a. m. To morrow morning. Prayer by Rev. A. S. Church.

Saturday Sept 27. 1890

The association met according to adjournment.—Spent half an hour in praise service conducted by Eld S. M. Creene.

The House was called to order by the moderator.

J. M. Stafford— church building missionary read the following report.

"Your Church building missionary reports that he is glad and thankful to the Master for the spirit manifested among our Brethren in this branch of Church work. We have twelve or fifteen new houses, built and being built within the bounds of our association. So let us thank God and take courage, and persevere in this grand and glorious work of the Master until we have a good house of worship in each community."

J. M. Stafford.

Remarks by J. M. Stafford and S. M. Greene. Report adopted.

On motion appointed the following church building committee in the bounds of the associatiou viz: J. M. Stafford 1st. Dist. S. M. Silver 2nd. Dist. and E. Isaacs 3rd Dist.

Report of Committee on Foreign missions — read by J. C. Blalock.

"We your committee on Foreign missions submit the following: We feeling that the churches of this association have been remiss in their duty in this department of Christian work, would advise each church to devise some system by which regular collections may be taken for this great work. As our Saviour, just before His assension into Heaven gave this important command: 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.'"

J. C. Blalock.
W. H. Ollis. } Committee.

Remarks by A. E. Booth, Eld. Crisp, B. S. Hays and A. S. Church. Report adopted.

Congregation sang Greenland, Collection was taken for Foreign missions amounting to $10.44.

On motion Eld. J. A. Rector and Brother W. P. Hemphill were invited and accepted seats in the body as correspondents from Catawba, and Bro. Judson Moore from Caldwell Associations.

On motion it is ordered that the collection for Foreign Missions be forwarded to the Mission Board of the Western Baptist Convention.

Report on Home Mission — read by W. S. Buchanan.

"We your committee on Home Missions report the following: We believe that there is a great need of a mission work in the bounds of our association in the way of an Evangelist co-operaing with the Pastors of the various churches. Therefore we reccommend that a missionary be appointed by the association, and we advise the churches and members of the same to see that the missionary, be well supported."

W. S. Buchanan.

Remarks by, W. S. Buchanan, A. S. Church, A. E. Booth and J. A. Rector. Report adopted.

On motion J. R. Robbins was invited and accepted a seat in the body as a visitor from the Three Forks Association.

On motion adjourned to meet at 1 o'clock p. m.

One o'clock p. m.

House called to order by the moderator.

Report on the ministry— read by N. Buchanan.

"Your committee on the ministry from an investigation of the state of the ministry in this association believe that they are well qualified to do the work in the bounds of this association, if they will study to show themselves workmen approved unto God and cut themselves loose from the cares of the world."

Respectfully.

N. Buchanan.
John Johnson. } Com.

Remarks by N. Buchanan, John Johnson, A. S. Church. J. A. Rector and J. M. Stafford.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Obituary.

It is with trembling hand and deep emotion of heart that we attempt to speak of the sudden death of our venerable and esteemed Bro. S. M. Collis, who fell asleep in the arms of Jesus, on the 16th. day of April 1890. He was a true citizen in the strictest sense. He loved his country and labored for the upbuilding of her civil institutions; and in his death the commonwealth has sustained a great loss. But we are to speak of him in a higher sense. Bro. Collis spent more than half of his long and active life in preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ. He was a true minister of the Gospel. In proof of which we only have to refer to the great multitude of men and women who have been brought to Christ through his labors. Bro. Collis was truly a great and good man. He labored more for the good of others than for himself. He drank deep at the fountain of God's grace which prepared him to comfort the sick and bereaved.

In the death of Brother Collis our denomination has sustained an irretrievable loss, but we are comforted by the thought that our loss is his eternal gain. Let us emulate his holy life and perpetuate his holy name, that our last days may be like his.

J. M. Stafford.
D. C. Hartley. } Committee.

Remarks by J. A. Rector A. S. Church J. R. Creene J. M. Stafford and C. B. Balock. Report adopted.

On motion a collection and pledges was taken for the purpose of erecting a monument over the body of the deceased. Amount unknown the Clerk.

Report on Temperance— read by J. D. Crisp.

Your committee on temperance wish to submit the following, viz:

"Whereas we are commanded to abstain from all appearance of evil [1st. Thess. 5: 22.] and as the use of ardent spirits has the appearance of evil, shall we not follow God's command? We do not have to refer to ancient History to prove the fact that it does not only have the appearance of evil, but its use is evil in itself nor do we have to go to Foreign lands, but we can bring it home to our own country, and under our own observation. Go to our court and hear the criminal Docket desposed of and you will see that nine tenths of the whole was caused by the use of ardent spirits. And whereas God's pecular people under the law were forbidden to use it [Num. 6: 1—4. Daniel 1: 8: 7 and under the gospel, the Forrunner of Christ, to wit. John the Baptist who came to prepare the way of the Lord and make his paths straight came neither eating bread nor drinking wine Luke 8: 33.] and whereas we are commanded to walk in those paths we therefore advise the churches that the strictest disipline be enforced to prevent its use." Respectfully submitted.

J. D. Crisp.
W. J. Braswell. } Committee.
E. M. Gragg

Remarks by J. D. Crisp and W. S. Hyams.

On motion the report on temperance was refered till 10 o'clock a. m. to morrow.

Report on Education read by A. S. Church

"The education of the masses is of great importance; for on this depends the safety of our govenment and the prosperity of our country. It is therefore aduty that we owe to our children that they be sent to first class Baptist Institutions and that they be properly instructed, for it is exceedingly hard to unlearn what has been learned amiss. If the masses are ignorant they will elect ignorant officers to represent them and ignorance is the parent of vice. They will become vicious in proportion to this illiteracy. Your committee take pleasure in reccommending Bakerssille and Globe Academies as Institutions of high grade

and eminently worthy of your support. The principals are accomplished scholars, good instructors and christian gentlemen.

For higher education we reccommend Judson, Mar's Hi'l and Wake Forest Colleges as second to none in the South."

A. S. Church)
J. M. Stafford) Commitsee.

Remarks by A. S. Church, and A. E. Booth report adopted.

On motion reconsidered plan of 5th. Sunday meeting's motion to strike out Elk Park and insert Bear Creek. Motion carried.

Report on Periodicals

Your committee on Periodicals beg leave to submit the following:

"We think that every family should be very careful in the selection. we would first recommed the Asheville Baptist published in the interest of our denomination in Western North Carolina. We think that every Baptist family in the bounds of our Association should read this paper. We also recommend the Biblical Recorder published at Raleigh, and Charity and Children published at Thomasville N. C."

J. F. Crisp) Committee
D. W. Greene)

Report on Ministerial Support

"Your committee on ministerial support beg leave to submit the following, to wit: We believe in a divine call to the ministry and while we believe in a divine call, we believe that the Lord demands the whole time of the minister in his work. We do not believe that the minister is called to plow and hoe, but that his whole time should be devoted to his work. Therefore Brethren, believing as we do, it becomes our duty as churches and members of the church of Christ to untie the hands of the minister and especially our Pastors and support them. We fear from the report; as they appear from the different churches composing this association, that they have forgotten that the Lord says "Thou shall not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn and also that the laborer is worthy of his hire. We find from the best information that we have been able to get from the churches composing this association that on an average the members do not pay 25 cents each to the support of their Pastor."

W. W. Presnell.)
Emesly Isaacs.) Committee.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on the State of the Churches.

"Your committee on the state of the churches report that some of our churches are in a very flourishing condition. While others are not prospering so well we reccommend the churches to be more liberal and pay their Pastors a reasonable salary"

E. Buchanan

Report adopted

Report on the Deaconship

Your committee on the Deaconship believe the office of a Deacon to be a responsible one. We think that the churches should be very careful in setting apart and ordaining men to the office as every good man cannot make a successful Deacon." W. J. Jones and J. C. Sparkes Committee.

Report adopted.

Querry: Would it not be advisable for the Association to arrange some plan for the restriction of delegates to the Association and let the churches send delegates according to their membership.

Answer: "Your committee submit that all ordained ministers of the Association are standing delegates and that each church be entitled to two delegates and one additional for every twenty five members or fractional part thereof over fifty."

J. M. Stafford.
W. H. Ollis. } Committee
D. H. Greene.

Report of Committee on Finance.

"Your committee on finance have received $ 21.25 for minutes."

D. W. Greene.
D. M. Washburn. } Committee.

Resolutions.

"Resolved that each church and Sunday School in this Association be requested to take stated collections for home and foreign missions.

2nd. That the pastor of each church and each Sunday School superintendent be requested to organize a woman's and children's missionary society in each church and Sunday School for the purpose of raising money for home and foreign missions." J. M. Stafford.

"Resolved that this Association tender its thanks to the brethren and sisters of the church and the citizens of the village and community for their kind hospitality and liberal entertainment during the session of this Association." Clerk.

Abjourned to meet with Fork Mountain Church four miles north of Bakersville on Thursday before the 4th. Sunday in Sept. 1891.

Prayer by Eld. J. A. Rector.

S. M. Green, Moderator. W. G. Buchanan, Clerk.

Pledges for Associational missions.

Bakersville $500, Yellow Mountain $3.00, Black Mountain $2.50 Jonas Ridge $2.00, White oak 1.50, Fork Mt. $4.00, McKiney Cove $5.00, Big Crabtree $100, Roan mt. $500, Cove Creek $2.00, Big Rock Creek $2.00, Green valley $2.00, Mine Creek $300, J. W. Duncan $1.00, Samuel Buchanan $1.18, John Duncan $1.00, W. M. Vance $2.00, J. A. Sparks $1.00, W. M. Buchanan $1.00, D. C. Hartly $1.00.

List of Ministers names.

Ordained:— Stephen Buchanan, J. M. Franklin, A. Brinkley, S. M. Greene, J. W. Duncan, J. C. Sparks, W. J Buchanan, W. D. Mace, J. W. Buchanan, W. . Ollis, E. A. Stamey, J. C. Blalock, L. H. Greene, E. Buchanan, T. H. McCurry, J. W. Putman, P. J. Shell, E Iaacs, I. Grindtaff, W. J Jones, S. L. Buchanan, B. M. Hoyle, S. A. Huges, M. Moody, W. G. Buchanan, D. A. Gouge, Licentiates: D. C. *Hartly*, J. W. Stamey, H .H. Crisp, J. F. Haney, Charles McKiney, I. McKiney.

Sunday Service.

Met at 9 o'clock a. m. Spent 30 minutes in Praise Service conducted by Eld. J. C. Blalock. The moderator being absent brother J. M. Stafford was called to the chair.

Report on temperance was re-read. Remarks by Eld's. J. A. Rector, A. S. Church, S. M. Greene and Prof. A. E. Booth. Report adopted. The association unanimously agreed to vote for no man who drank whiskey as a beverage.

On motion the report on Destitution was refered to the mission board.

A collection was taken for the Thomasville Orphanage amounting to four dollars to be forwarded by Bro. J. C. Blalock to brother Mills.

At 11. 30 o'clock a. m. J. A. Rector preached a sermon from

Rev. 22—14 followed by S. M. Greene text Rev. 3—21 both were earnest sermons and were listened to with marked attention.

Sang "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow." Benediction by Eld. S. M. Greene.

1st. No one shall absent himself from the body without leave of the moderator.

2nd. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

3rd. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the body.

4th. Any one desiring to make a motion or second the same shall arise and address the moderator and any one failing so to do shall not be recognized by the chair

5th. All question shall be determined by a majority of the delegates present.

6th All whispering and walking to and fro out of the house during the transaction of business shall be considered a breach of order and and any one thus demeaning himself shall be repremanded by the chair.

7th. We recognize no other appalation than that of Brother.

8th. No Brother shall be disturbed while on the floor unless he is violating some of these rules

9 All personalities during debate shall be considered a breach of order, and may be repremanded by the chair.

J. M. Stafford.
W. H. Ollis.
A. S. Church

STATISTICAL TABLE

Names of Churches.	Baptised.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Addition.	Total Decrease.	Total membership.	Contribution for minutes.	Pastors.	Post Offices.	Amt. Pd. Pastor.
Bakersville	10	10		7		1	13		109	1.35	W. C. Patton	Bakersville	300.00
Little Rock Creek	19	1	8	8	1	1	18		166	1.00	S. M. Greene	Bakersville	13.33
Green Valley	1	1		5	2			5	47	60	W. H. Ollis	Spear	
Big Meadows	3	1		2		4		2	78	80	S. Buchanan	Plumbtree	15.45
Big Rock Creek	1	4	2		1	1	5		60	80	J. W. Putman	Ewart	
Fork Mountain	21	8	5	3	7	1	23		121	70	L. H. Greene	Bakersville	30.00
Black Mountain					1			1	77	1.45	S. M. Greene	Bakersville	40.00
Bear Creek	14		1	4	5	1	5		164	1.00	J. W. Duncan	Penland	
McKiney Cove	5			2	3				51	90	J. C. Sparks	Bakersville	15.00
Mine Creek	6	5	2	5		1	8		120	95	J. C. Sparks	Bakersville	15.00
Grassy Creek	17	4	2	12	1	2	6		96	1.15	E. Buchanan	Bakersville	30.00
Lilly Branch	19	3	2	3	4	3	14		123	85	J. W. Duncan	Penland	25.00
Toe River									57	70	W. H. Ollis	Spear	25.00
Big Crabtree						2		5	53	1.00	Isaac Grindstaff	Bakersville	10.00
Cane Creek	15	4		3	5	3	8		105	1.13	L. H. Greene	Bakersville	50.00
Elk Park				3	1	1		5	70	55	W. J. Braswell	Hampton Tenn	
Aaron		3					3		18	50	P. J. Shell	Aaron	
Yellow Mountain	12	18	7	1	1		35		31	1.00	L. H. Greene	Bakersville	40.00
Mount Pleasant	24	3	8				35		120	1.00	E. Isaacs	Lineback	
Linville				6	1			7	30	40	P. J. Shell	Lineback	
Horse Creek									19	60	J. W. Buchanan	Aaers	2.75
Roan Mountain	6	4	1	9	1	2		1	170	1.75	S. M. Greene	Bakersville	26.00
Roaring Creek	1	2	3				6		58	85	S. A. Hughes	Eugenia	
White Oak	2	3		5	2			2	42	1.00	J. C. Sparks	Bakersville	
Liberty Hill		1	3	1				3	16	50	Isaac Grindstaff	Bakersville	10.00
Jonas' Ridge	6	2			2		4		21	40	P. J. Shell	Lineback	25.70
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OF THE

MITCHELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

FORK MOUNTAIN CHURCH,

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY,

September 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th, 1891.

ELDER J. C. SPARKS, Moderator,

D. W. GREENE, Clerk.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Association met at 11 o'clock a. m., September 24th, 1891. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. H. Greene; text, Luke 10th chapter and 5th verse. After a recess of twenty minutes, the delegates reassembled in the house, Eld. S. M. Greene, Moderator, in the chair.

Sang, "Are you Washed in the Blood of the Lamb?"

Prayer by Eld. John Ammons. Appointed Eld. Jacob Younce and P. J. Shell reading clerks. Read letters from twenty-three churches and enrolled the delegates' names. Elected Eld. J. C. Sparks Moderator, and D. W. Greene Clerk. Delegates' names enrolled as follows, viz.:

Bakersville—Lindsey Ledford, T. C. Greene, J. M. Greene, M. D. Wilson, J. S. Poteet, L. H. Greene, Wm. S. Buchanan.

Grassey Creek—J. C. Blalock, W. H. McKinney and D M. Washburn.

Bear Creek—J. W. Duncan, Samuel Buchanan.

Roan Mountain—S. M. Greene, M. Young, Newton Buchanan, Wm. J. Wilson, A. Greene.

Fork Mountain—H. R. Hughes, J. H. Childres, Wm. Gardiner, James McKinney, Eld. J. C. Sparks.

Elk Park—Eld. Wm. G. Buchanan and N. A. Oaks.

Lilly Branch—S. D. Sparks, D. W. Greene, J. M. Howell, Wm. Willis.

Mount Pleasant—Paron Johnson.

Big Meadow—W. Stamy, P. J. Shell.

Little Rock Creek—H. B. Buchanan, Sanders Young, J. G. Burleson, Wm. Wilson and Joseph Greene.

Chestnut Grove—Wm. Gaddy, J. H. Carver.

Silver Chapel—James Thomas, D. R. Silver, and Milton Roberson.

Roaring Creek—Joseph Pucket, Nathan Lewis, Benjamin Hobson and Charles McKinney.

Horse Creek—Henry Hoilman.

Mine Creek—James Davis, Eld. Isaac Grindstaff.

Liberty Hill—Isaac Cox.

Big Rock Creek—Eld. J. W. Putman, C. Gouge, David Simpson and Dorser Buchanan.

McKinney Cove—Eld. E. Buchanan, C. H. McKinney, Adam Buchanan, Samuel McKinney and P. M. Wilson.

Toe River—William Buchanan

Jonas' Ridge—T. W. Keller and E. Barrier.

Black Mountain—W. M. Long, J. S. Collis.

White Oak—S. L. Wilson, Milton Wilson and Isaac Grindstaff.

Green Valley—J. R. Greene.

Cane Creek—Joseph Buchanan, S. P. Greene and J. L. Greene.

Montezuma—Wesley Bumgarner.

Yellow Mountain—S. Buchanan, W. H. Ollis, Reuben Pitman and S. B. Braswell.

[Big Crabtree and Morning Grove not represented.]

Called for newly constituted churches. None received.

Called for correspondents, and received Elder Jacob Younce and J. F. McBride from Three Forks Association.

Received Bro. John Ammons, Secretary of the Western Baptist Convention; and Bro. J. A. Speight, Editor of the Asheville Baptist. Also, P. B. Buntin, as a visitor.

The Moderator appointed the following committees, viz.:

On Arrangements—Bros. S. M. Greene, W. H. Ollis, E. Buchanan, L. H. Greene and Stephen Buchanan.

On Preaching—J. L. Greene, M. Young, with the delegates and pastor of Fork Mountain church.

On the State of the Churches—E. Buchanan and S. M. Greene.

On Education—Wm. G. Buchanan, John Ammons, P. J. Shell.

Home and Conventional Missions—John Ammons and J. C. Blalock.

On Foreign Missions—Bros. J. A. Speight and J. C. Blalock.

[On motion, the committees on the "State of Deaconship" and "State of the Ministry" were both dropped.]

On Temperance—Wm. S. Buchanan, Jacob Younce and Bro. Buntin.

On the Support of the Ministry—L. H. Greene and J. W. Putman.

On Finance—M. D. Wilson and J. R. Greene.

On Thomasville Orphanage—W. H. Ollis, J. F. McBride, and J. A. Speight.

On Periodicals—J. A. Speight and J. W. Duncan.

On motion, adjourned until 8.30 o'clock, to-morrow morning. Prayer by J. W. Putman.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1891.

Met according to adjournment. Spent half an hour in praise service conducted by Eld. S. M. Greene, after which the house was called to order by the Moderator.

Called on Committee of Arrangements to report. Report read, and, on motion, was adopted and the committee discharged,

Called on Historian to report. On motion, Bro. S. M. Greene was appointed to finish up the History and that he be remunerated by the Association for his services.

Called on Correspondents to report, who reported satisfactorily to the Association.

Appointed the following Correspondents to Yancey County Association, viz.: Wm. G. Buchanan, Newton Buchanan, Charles Slagle, Isaac Grindstaff and P. J. Shell.

Three Forks Association--J. W. Putman, L. H. Greene, W. H Ollis, J. W. Duncan and John Poteet.

Caldwell Association--J. C. Blalock and P. J. Shell.

Watauga Association--Joseph Pucket, S. A. Hughes and Wm. G. Buchanan.

Stony Fork Association--Wesley Bumgarner, W. H. Ollis and Wm. S. Buchanan.

Called for the Committee on Periodicals to report. Report read by J. A. Speight; remarks by J. A. Speight.

On motion, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

There never was a day when the printing press played such an important part in the world's civilization as at present. Business men, party leaders and speculators of various shades of opinion, without a single exception, seem to appreciate the value of this great agent and freely use it. Christians, and especially Baptists, should not be slow to use this powerful agent for good. Our people need to read more; they need information about the work of the age, about the wants of the people and

the possibilities of doing the greatest possible good in this life. In this connection we would urge all our people to take the "Asheville Baptist." It is published in the interest of the Baptist Churches of this section. It is sound in doctrine and helpful to all the advanced efforts which the Baptists as a people are putting forth for the conversion of the world. The Baptists of this hill country need a paper; and if they will co-operate with the Editor and take the paper, then we will have an organ worthy of our confidence and support. The price of the paper is $1.50, and we request the pastors to bring this matter before their churches and urge the people to subscribe for the paper. Respectfully submitted.

J. W. Duncan, }
J. A. Speight. } Committee.

On motion, agreed that the next Association meet with Big Rock Creek Church, and that Bro. P. J. Shell preach the introductory sermon, and that Isaac Grindstaff be his alternate.

On motion, it was agreed that Saturday of next Association be set apart for missions.

Called for the report on Foreign Missions. Report read by J. A. Speight.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The conversion of this world brought the Son of God to the earth, and influenced Him to give His life to save. Much of the world is still without God and without hope. The Lord said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This solemn command addresses itself to us. It binds us to this work, and as Baptists we must not be remiss to this high trust. We have missionaries in China, and Africa, and Europe, and Brazil, and Mexico, and Japan. In many of these countries the Lord is wonderfully blessing our work. We urge all our people to pray for this work and give of their means to its support. The time is short; souls are dying and many of us are doing next to nothing to meet our obligations to God and humanity. We advise our Associations to set aside one day at its next session to celebrate the Centennial of Missions. J. A. Speight, }
J. C. Blalock, } Com.

Remarks by J. A. Speight, J. Ammons, and J. C. Bla-

lock. Report adopted. Took up a collection of $4.75 for Foreign Missions.

The committee appointed to answer query reported, and on motion the report was adopted.

QUERY. Is it good order for a church to allow any of its members to take an office from the government that gives them a position in, or connects them with, a distillery?

ANSWER TO QUERY. Christianity is professing Christ, and enjoins that those "That name the name of Christ depart from iniquity." Your committee regard the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors one of the greatest curses of the age. We therefore answer this query in the negative. Our answer is "No."

JOHN AMMONS,
W. H. OLLIS, } Com.
P. J. SHELL,

On motion, adjourned to meet at 8.30 o'clock to morrow morning. Prayer by Elder S. M. Greene.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1891.

Met according to adjournment. Spent half an hour in praise service conducted by Eld. J. W. Duncan, the house was called to order by the Moderator.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The time has past when it is necessary in writing a report on this subject to define the word education; but an expansion of the subject, it seems to your committee, would be appropriated.

Admitting that education is a drawing out and yet there must be set in operation the necessary forces to the accomplishment of the result. Education is effective through the power of mind, acting on mind, by the use of the necessary machinery. In order to educate, we must have teachers. The teacher is indispensable; but the teacher must not only have the necessary attainments in letters and science, in a word know what to teach, but how to teach. The teacher must have tact; a natural adaptedness to his work, with which there must be joined a love for the work.

Let there be added to this love to the pupil, and we

have the ideal teacher. One who will succeed in his work, and whose work will both be blessed and a blessing. But we are not to consider this subject as it stands, related to the individual, or the individual to it, but as it is related to the public weal.

A community is just what its education makes it, so then every people holds the key to its own prosperity, or the reverse.

Schools are necessary as a part of the machinery essential in education, but to build schools requires a concentration of forces; council and money. It will be seen therefore that every community cannot have a college, but every community can have a good elementary school. As education is indispensable for our best interest, so schools are essential as means to the end. The christian public owe it to the present and future generations to provide means for the education of the rising youth.

The best thing a community can do next to providing for the preaching of the gospel, and the maintenance of Divine Worship, is the building of a good school in its midst.

The best inheritance a parent can give a child is a good practical education. Your committee would invite the attention of this body to Judson College as an institution not only worthy of its patronage but fully equipped to supply its needs. We would also recommend Mar's Hill College, as an institution worthy of your confidence and hearty support. Here the most ample facilities for a complete literary and practical education may be found.

Mar's Hill is being made better and better in teaching force and other essential equipments. The designs of the Trustees being to make it equal to any school of its grade. Send your sons and daughters to Mar's Hill. We would also recommend Globe Academy.

JOHN AMMONS,
W. G. BUCHANAN, } Com.
P. J. SHELL,

Remarks by Bro. John Ammons. J. C. Blalock, J. A. Speight and Wm. S. Buchanan. On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY BOARD.

The Missionary, Elder E. Buchanan, has labored in the field as follows: 110 days; 250 miles traveled; preach-

ed 112 sermons; 25 exortations; 28 religious visits; witnessed 51 professions; 36 baptisms in connection with labor done.

Paid Missionary $50,75. Due the Missionary for labor done under the direction of the board $3.75.

J. R. GREENE,
W. BUCHANAN.

On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS Intemperance is not only the appearance of evil, but is evil itself. The Bible teaches us Temperance, and therefore we do solemnly insist on all the followers of our Lord and Saviour to press the cause of Temperance on the people. We further recommend that our churches be stricter with their members, so as not to allow them to indulge or encourage the cause of Intemperance, especially the use of intoxicating drinks.

Respectfully submitted. P. B. BUNTIN, Ch., W. S. BUCHANAN, JACOB YOUNCE, } Com.

The above report was adopted.

Able discussions were then made by J. A. Speight, Wm. S. Buchanan and John Ammons.

On motion the report of the Committee on the Orphanage was deferred until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

REPORT ON HOME AND CONVENTIONAL MISSIONS.

The Master said, "Thus it is written and thus it behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day and that repentance and remission of sins might be preached in His name among all nations beginning at Jerusalem". The preaching of Christ is of God committed to His people, He bids us carry this news of life through the Redeemer's blood to all nations and to all people and this work is to begin at home. The Spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions; and this missionary spirit has characterized all our denominational efforts in all the past. Home Missions is the basis of all our mission work; if we well cultivate the home-field it leads us to extend our operations into the regions beyond. The Apostles were all Home Missionaries, they begun their

work at Jerusalem, and thence it extended to Syria and to Asia Minor, and finally to Europe.

Thus it will be seen that the work of missions originally was home work, and the foreign work grew out of it; and the history of the church shows that as the churches were interested in the home work that they have throve and prospered, and to that extent has the foreign work enlarged and prospered.

Home Missions is the work of the Southern Baptist Convention, and is conducted through its Board at Atlanta, Ga. The field of operations is the Southern States, Indian Territory, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Cuba. The work of the Home Board has been full of blessed fruit, God has brought us under obligations to liberally support its operations. During the last year the Board had under appointment four hundred and six missionaries; these were scattered over the Southern States and the other places named above. These Missionaries baptized during the year more than five thousand persons. The work in Cuba began about five years ago, there are now about two thousand converts belonging to the mission. This work was Providentially thrust upon the Baptists of the South, and the indications are that God is calling us to give this Island to His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Conventional Missions is but a branch of Home Missions and is confined to the territory of the Western Baptist Convention. There are in the bounds of the Convention enough destitution to employ twenty missionaries. Some whole counties are properly mission ground. The Board has under appointment eight missionaries and six colporters which have been occupying important fields and doing a good work.

The last year was one of great prosperity, but the progress of the work has not been such during this year as the Board anticipated. The finances of the Board have been rather low through the year, and if contributions are not increased it is feared the year will close with a debt on hand.

The next year is the Centennial of Modern Missions and your committee would recommend that this Association raise during the next year an amount for missions equal to an average of fifty cents to the member.

JOHN AMMONS,
J. C. BLALOCK, } Com.

Interesting speeches from Bros. Ammons and Speight. Report adopted.

Took up a collection for Home and Coventional Missions, amounting to $8.50.

The time having arrived for the 11 o'clock service, on motion, adjourned to hear Bro. Speight, who preached a very able sermon. Text: Ezekiel 10th ch., 14th verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled pursuant to adjournment. Called to order by the Moderator. Bro. L. H. Greene read the following

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your Committee on Ministerial Support beg leave to submit the following: We are sorry to say that our ministers are very poorly paid for their services, and for this cause our ministers fall short of doing the good that might be done; notwithstanding we do not lay all this responsibility on our churches. We believe that if our ministers would go forward and preach church duty the people would fall in line. We believe when God calls a man to preach His word, he should give his whole time to the work, and our churches should not forget that the Lord says: "Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn," and that "The laborer is worthy of his hire." We therefore recommend that our churches pay their pastors more liberally, and in return they will have better preaching. Respectfully submitted.

L. H. Greene, }
J. W. Futman, } Com.

The above report was adopted after discussion by L. H. Greene, S. J. Turner and John Ammons.

On motion, appointed the following delegates to the Western Baptist Convention: L. H. Greene, E. Buchanan and J. R. Greene.

On motion, appointed the following delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention: W. H. Ollis and P. J. Shell.

On motion, the Association endorses the idea of a Sunday School Convention for Western North Carolina.

On motion, Eld. S. M. Greene was elected Missionary for the following year.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That this Association ask the pastors and churches to co-operate with the Missionary.

The Committee on the State of the Churches reports the following: We, your Committee on the State of the Churches, beg leave to report the following: We are glad to say that in the last year or two the spirit of church building has been on a boom in the Mitchell County Association. There are many houses finished up, and several others on the way, which bespeak very favorable.

Almost all the churches have a very good school.

We would therefore recommend that all the churches of this Association take a deeper interest in the mission work, both Home and Foreign. And, also, we would further recommend that every church, when she calls her pastor, to fix his salary and arrange the time to pay it, and then pay it to a cent, at the time fixed—and let it be a respectable salary.

E. Buchanan, }
S. M. Greene, } Com.

The roport adopted.

On motion appointed a 5th, Sunday meeting to convene with Elk Park church and that J. W Putman, preach the introductory sermon.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this Association tender thanks to the brethren and sisters of Fork Mountain Church and the community for their kind hospitality and liberal entertainment during the session of this Association.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We your committee on finance report that we have received from the different churches for printing minutes $21.40.

M. D. Wilson, }
J. R. Greene, } Com.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Stephen Buchanan, J. W. Duncan, J. M. Franklin, S. M. Greene, J. C. Sparks, W. J. Buchanan, W. D. Mace, W. H. Ollis, E. A. Stamy, J. C. Blalock, E. Buchanan, T. H. McCurry, J. W. Putman, L. H. Greene, P. J. Shell,

E. Isaacs, Isaac Grindstaff, W. J. Jones, S. L. Buchanan, B. M. Hoyle, S. A. Hughes, W. G. Buchanan, D. A. Gouge, Wm. S. Buchanan, A. Brinkley.

Licentiates: J. W. Stamy, D. C. Hartly, H. H. Crisp, J. F. Haney, Charles McKinney, Isaac. McKinney, J. Thomas.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1891.

The Association met according to adjournment. Spent half an hour in praise service conducted by the Moderator.

On motion the report of committee on the Orphanage was read by the Clerk.

Interesting remarks by J. C. Blalock, B. P. Buntin.

Took up a collection of $2.10 for the Orphanage.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

As to the duty of Christian people to care for the fatherless, the Bible is plain. "Pure religion and undefiled before God the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions." Then, Christ tells us: "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Therefore we would recommend to the churches in our bounds that they adopt some systematic plan of giving to this cause. There are now about 125 children at the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville. The cry of others with no one to care for them is constantly coming to the General Manager. He cannot heed them unless Christian men and women respond with their means. "Charity and Children" is a small 8-page paper published weekly by the Orphange. It discusses questions pertaining to charity and the rearing of children. It has a field occupied by no other paper, and we commend it to every friend of the orphan. Respectfully submitted.

W. H. Ollis,
J. F. McBride, } Com.
J. A. Speight,

The 11 o'clock sermon was preached by S. M. Greene; text: Luke, 7th ch., 50th verse: "Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace."

On motion, adjourned to meet with Big Rock Creek Church on Thursday before 4th Sunday in Sept., 1892.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. No one shall absent himself from the body without leave of the Moderator,

2nd. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

3rd. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the body.

4th. Any one desiring to make a motion or second the same shall arise and address the Moderator and any one failing so to do shall not be recognized by the chair.

5th. All questions shall be determined by a majority of the delegates present.

6th. All whispering and walking to and fro out of the house during the transaction of business shall be considered a breach of order and any one thus demeaning himself shall be reprimanded by the chair.

7th. We recognize no other appellation than that of Brother.

8th. No Brother shall be disturbed while on the floor unless he is violating some of these rules.

9th. All personalities during debate shall be considered a breach of order, and may be reprimanded by the chair.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Additi'n	Total Decrease.	Total Membership.	Co tribution for Min.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	Am't Paid Pastor.
Bakersville	1	2	--	6	--	1	3	7	105	$1 05	L. H. Greene	Bakersville	$ 100
Green Valley	1	--	--	--	5	--	1	5	34	70	S. M. Greene	"	24
Little Rock Creek	2	2	3	1	4	-	7	5	173	1 40	S. M. Greene	"	12
Big Meadows	--	--	--	5	4	1	--	10	67	60	S. Buchanan	Plum Tree	9
Big Rock Creek	7	--	2	--	3	2	9	5	83	60	J. W. Putman	Ewart	25
Fork Mountain	6	4	3	--	1		13	1	135	50	L. H. Greene	Little Rock Creek	15
Black Mountain	13	1	--	3	2	--	14	5	82	1 20	S. M. Greene	Bakersville	-----
Bear Creek	3	4	--	2	3	2	7	7	150	60	J. W. Duncan	Ledger	-----
McKinney Cove	4	--	--	--	1	--	4	1	54	60	J. C. Sparks	Bakersville	12
Mine Creek	1	2	5	3	--	--	8	3	103	1 05	I. Grindstaff	"	13
Grassy Creek	5	--	--	--	2	--	7	2	101	1 10	E. Buchanan	"	30
Lilly Branch	--	1	--	4	3	--	1	7	118	1 20	J. W. Duncan	Ledger	---
Toe River	11	3	--	3	1	--	14	4	67	1 00	W. H. Ollis	Spear	18
Cane Creek	15	--	--	3	3	--	15	6	109	90	S. M. Greene	Bakersville	40
Elk Park	--	--	--	4	--	3	--	7	63	2 00	W. G. Buchanan	Elk Park	---
Yellow Mt.	19	--	--	3	4	1	19	8	101	1 00	L. H. Greene	Bakersville	25
Horse Creek	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	70	S. Buchanan	Plum Tree	-----
Roan Mountain	16	4	--	7	1	1	20	9	153	1 25	J. C. Sparks	Bakersville	24
Roaring Creek	7	--	7	1	1	--	14	2	78	1 00	G. A Hughes	Plum Tree	7
White Oak	2	3	--	5	2	1	--	--	42	60	J. C. Sparks	Bakersville	-----
Liberty Hill	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	1	15	40	J. C. Blalock	Spruice Pine	-----
Jonas' Ridge	7	1	4	--	1	--	12	1	32	50	P J. Shell	Trout	-----
Silver Chapel	3	4	1	--	--	--	8	--	54	75	W. C. Parsons	Day Book	-----
Chestnut Grove	5	8	3	3	1	--	16	4	39	60	B. M. Hoyle	Flinty Branch	-----
Montesuma	24	22	--	1	--	--	46	1	62	1 00	P. J. Shell	Trout	48
Mount Pleasant	6	2	3	2	4	1	11	7	124	70	E. Isaacs	Lineback	-----

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MINUTES

—OF THE—

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Mitchell County Baptist Association

——HELD WITH——

BIG ROCK CREEK CHURCH.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 22, 23, 24 1892.

ELD. W. G. BUCHANAN MODERATOR.
ELD. J. W. PUTNAM CLERK,

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PROCEEDINGS,

SEPTEMBER 22, 1892.

The ninth annual Session of the Mitchell County Association met with Big Rock Creek Church. In the absence of the Moderator, on motion, Elder S. M. Greene. elected Moderator, pro tem. Prayer by L. H. Greene. Sang the unclouded day. In the absence of the appointee to preach the Introductory Sermon, on motion Elder W. A. Robertson preached the Introductory, Sermon Text: Matthew 16th, Chapter and 18th Verse.

After an intermission of ten minutes the delegates in the house, the Moderator pro tem appointed W. A. Robertson and W. G. Buchanan reading clerks, read letters from twenty-six Churches and enrolled the delegates. Names elected, Elder W. G. Buchanan Moderator and Elder J. W. Putnam Clerk. Delegates names enrolled as follows: viz:

Bakersville—L. H. Greene, W. S. Buchanan, M. B. Wilson, J. M. Greene, M. Buchanan, M. C. Pannel.

Roan Mountain—S. M. Greene, N. Buchanan, S. N. Buchanan, John Freeman.

Fork Mountain—J. H. Childers, James McKiney, Wm. Gardner, John Yelton.

Bear Creek—Samuel Buchanan.

Mine Creek—Isaac McKiney, R. M. Davis, James Davis, John Henson, C. E. Greene.

Cane Creek—J. M. Buchanan, Wm. Ward, Wm. Black.

Lilly Branch—D. W. Greene.

Big Rock Creek—J. W. Putnam, S. C. Gauge, Jonathan Buchanan, James Hurt, David Simpson, R. J. Stocton. W. W. Buchanan.

Elk Park—W. G. Buchanan, J. R. Prichard.

White Oak—I. N. Wilson, Isaac Grinestaff.

Yellow Mountain— W. H. Ollis.

Big Crabtree—A. B. Davis.

Roaring Creek—S. A. Hughes, Athan Lewis, Joseph Prickett, T. H. McCurry.

Mount Pleasant—E. Isaacs. T. M. Reid, Jason Hughes, D. W. Benfield.

Tow River— A. L. Miller.

Burlesons Chapel—T. C. Hartley, Henry Hilman, N. Buchanan.

Little Rock Creek—W. A. Buchanan, Joseph Greene.

McKiney Cove—E. Buchanan, T. C. Buchanan, Samuel McKiney.

Grassey Creek—No Delegates.

Big Meadows—P. J. Shell. Abram Johnson.

Black Mountain—S. Silves, J. S. Collis.

Silver Chapel—James Thomas, W. A. Robertson.

Green Valley—A. Witherman.

Pear Tree—John Hughes.

Jonas Ridge—Harvy Clark.

Aaron—A. S. Church, Thadus Braswell.

Called for newly constituted Churches and received one by the name of Pear Tree.

Called for correspondents and received Elder W. A. Robertson, Elder J. F. Sams from Yancey County Association; also Elder J. A. Speight,, Bro. J. P. Morgan, from Buncombe County Association. The Moderator appointed the following Committees, viz: On arrangements—S. M. Greene, J. R. Prichard, L. H. Greene, E. Buchanan, W. H. Ollis.

On Preaching—S. N. Buchanan, S. Childers, with the Pastor and Delegates of Big Rock Creek Church.

On the State of the Churches—S. M. Greene, E. Isaacks.

On Education—D. W. Greene and W. A. Robertson,

On Home and Conventional Missions—J. P. Morgan and W. S. Buchanan.

On Foreign Missions—J. A. Speight and L. H. Greene.

On Temperance—W. H. Ollis, J. F. Sams and J. R. Prichard.

On the Ministry—M. D. Wilson and T. H. McCurrey.

On Finance—D. W. Greene and N. Buchanan.

On the Thomasville Orphanage—W. H. Ollis, R. M. Davis, and J. A. Speight.

On Periodicals— J. A. Speight and J. F. Sams.

On motion adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by Elder J. A. Speight.

Friday September 23rd 1892, met according to adjournment. Praise service conducted by Elder J. F. Sams, after which the House was called to order by the Moderator.

Called on Committee of Arrangements to report. Re-

port read, and on motion was adopted and committee discharged.

On motion agreed to strike out 5th and 6th items of the Bill of arrangements. See resolutions. Called on Historian to report, on motion it was agreed that Elder S. M. Greene, the Historian go on and complete the History of this Association and that the churches at once contribute and pay over to the Historian a sufficient amount of money to have the said History printed in pamphlet form. Called for the committee on Periodicals to report. Report read, by J. A. Speight. Remarks by J. F. Sams, J. A. Speight, S. M. Greene, J. P. Morgan. On motion Report adopted.

Report on Periodicals—Your committee is conscious of the rapid developments which are manifesting themselves every where along with these whirling activities, Christian Churches and Christian people should be found in the front. As human agencies are multiplying, so should religious agencies, for the people of God go with and in advance of all civil influences in order that the people may have their attention constantly called to better and higher things. To this end the religious newspapers go with the Bible and the preached Gospel. The study of the Bible has been greatly quickened and we urge our people to read it more constantly and more prayerfully, for this is the Book that tells us what to do and how to do it Just here the Religious newspaper tells us what is being done by Christian people and by the Churches, both at home and abroad. This knowledge greatly comforts and encourages us and then it calls into lively action and sympathy all the forces with which God has endowed us. The most active people we have, both in business and in politics are the people who read; and this is also true of our church members —those who read are the most sympathetic and the most liberal of our membership. To this end we commend to our church members the *Asheville Baptist.* It comes to our homes weekly and tell us what the brethren and churches are doing. It is a medium of communication between the churches and urges the members to move forward in the Lords work. The paper is $1.50 per year. We commend also Charity and Children published for the benefit of the Orphanage. We also commend the Publications of the American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia, Pa.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Elder W. A. Robertson preached an interesting sermon Text: 2nd Chap. 3rd Verse, Hebrews. On motion adjourned for one hour.

Met according to adjournment. On motion appointed a committee to answer queries viz: A. S. Church, P. J. Shell and D. W. Greene. See queries. On motion agreed that the next annual meeting be with the Big Meadow Church, commencing on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1893. And that Elder J. W. Putnam preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder W. G. Buchanan be his alternate.

Called on missionary to report, Elder S. M. Greene Missionary reports during the year 1892 he preached 153, Sermons, witnessed 76 professions, Baptized 23 persons, received $98.85c. On motion the following delegates were appointed to the W. B. Convention viz: L. H. Greene, W. G. Buchanan, E. Buchanan, J. R. Prichard, W. H. Ollis, S. M. Greene. Report on Education read; remarks by W. A. Robertson, J. F. Sams, A. S. Church, and J. A. Speight.

Report on Education—We your committee on Education beg leave to submit the following:

It is generally conceded that Education is a religious duty, and that the Education of the rising generation is the only hope of the country and the church. Every community is just what its Education makes it, but while every community cannot build and maintain a college, every community might have a good Elementary school in which to prepare the children for the Academies and Colleges. Your committee is sorry that they have no permanent school of higher grade within the limits of this Association to recommend to this body. We hope the time is not far distant when the Baptist of this county will build a school of higher grade and equip it for the education of their children.

We would first invite the attention of this body to Judson College as an institution fully equipped and worthy of the patronage and support of the Baptist of Western North Carolina.

We would also recommend Mar's Hill College as an institution offering superior advantages in education. The faculty is headed by a graduate of Wake Forest College and is fully equipped to meet the demands of the Baptist.

We would further recommend Globe Academy also Fair View Academy, Buncombe County.

D. W. GREENE,
W. A. ROBERTSON.
Committee.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow, prayer by J. A. Speight.

Saturday September 24th. 1892. Met according to adjournment. Praise Service conducted by Elder S. M. Greene On motion changed the time of the annual meeting to Thursday before the first Sunday in September 1893.

Report on Home and Conventional Missions read. Remarks by J. P. Morgan. Collection taken up for Home and Conventional Missions amounting to $10.25c. suspended business for the eleven o'clock Sermon, Elder J. F. Sams preached, text: John 20th Chapter, 13th verse. Adjourned for one hour. Met according to adjournment.

On motion adopted the report on Home and Conventional Missions.

On motion Bro. Gillespie was invited to a seat.

Report on Foreign Missions read. Remarks by L. H. Greene, J. A. Speight. Collection taken for Foreign Missions amounting to $4.05c to be sent to Pleasant Bastick. Report adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions—Your committee on Foreign Missions would remind our churches and members of the binding force of the "Great Command" to "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature". As christian men and women we are the servants of the great King and should be true to the tremendious trusts committed to our care, more than half of the human race are beyond the influence of the Gospel. These perishing millions are within our reach and their destitution appeals strongly to us for sympathy and help. God has opened up fields of labor for christian people in every country in the world but one. The improved implements of the age with the multiplying of means for travel have brought these destitute sections almost to our doors, so that in the strictest sense these are our neighbors and we must do all in our power for their conversion. In China, Japan, Africa, Brazil, and Mexico God has opened up wide doors of christian usefulness, and Southern Baptists have entered in and God is prospering our missionaries

We urge the pastors to preach at least two sermons per year on Foreign Missions and take up frequent collections for this object. We also urge our churches to try and secure a contribution from every member for this fund, the object of which is to convert the world. This is the one hundredth year of Modern Missions and to this end let us celebrate it with enlarged contributions to the Lords treasury.

J. A. Speight.

Read report on Temperance—Remarks by J. R. Prichard, J. P. Morgan, and others. Report adopted.

Report on Temperance—Your committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following.

Whereas Intemperance is not only an evil but it is the greatest evil of the present age. Whiskey is the Devils most successful weapon of warfare and to day there are hundreds and thousands of souls dritting down before it to eternal perdition.

Therefore we would most earnestly insist that our Baptist people exert every influence that can be brought to bear against this great curse that is hanging over this gospel land of ours, we believe it to be the imperative duty of each and every member of the Baptist Church to not only discountenance this miserable curse but to wage war against it in its every form until we have succeeded in crushing this great curse and blotting it from the bounds of the Mitchell County Association.

J. R. PRICHARD,
J. F. SAMS,
W. H. OLLIS.

On motion appointed a committee of three, to wit: D. W. Greene, N Buchanan and J. R. Prichard who shall take charge of Mission funds as an Executive Board and employ a Missionary and Supply the destitution.

Report on the State of the Churches read and adopted.

Report on the State of the Churches—Your Committee on the State of the Churches, report the following:

Those churches that seem to be the most prosperous, are the churches that are the most liberal. Why is it so? Because the Bible says, it is more blessed to give than to receive; and that he that soweth sparingly shall also reap sparingly. And the Lord loveth the cheerful giver; now therefore we would advise the churches to stir up their pastors, to preach more upon the subject of giving

and to take collections more often. We would further say if the Churches would do that and the Pastors would all respond cheerfully there would be a general move all along the line in this the Mitchell County Association, for the glory of God.

S. M. GREENE.
Chairman.

Report on Home and Conventional Missions—It is becoming generally known that Home Missions signify the work of the Southern Baptist Convention as conducted through its board, located at Atlanta, Ga.

During the last year the Board had under appointment 365 missionaries, these were scattered all over the Southern States, Indian Territory and Ochlahoma.

These Missionaries Baptized during the year,	5.274
Total additions,	11.247
Churches Constituted,	179

Included in this is our work in Cuba, our work in this Island continues with interest. Year by year our *cause* is securing a strong hold upon the people. The purchase of property in the heart of the City has furnished our Baptist People with an attractive house of worship. This insured to the Public mind the permanency of our cause and elevated their conception of the forces behind it. Our principles meet the approval of large non-Catholic Population of Havana.

Conventional Missions are composed of the thirteen Counties West of the Blue Ridge, which is the Territory composing the Western North Carolina Convention and the Board is located at Asheville, N. C. The board closed its last years work in debt and owing to the hard times and the scarcity of money the board has not been able to do the amount of work that it would like to have done, though it has in the field at this time two Missionaries.

Rev. S. H. Harrington located at Murphy, which is a very important field, and one that we as Baptist people cannot afford to wait longer, but we must rally to the front as this is a centre and build a house of Worship.

Rev. W. M. Jameson is doing a good work as Missionary and Colporter, in the counties of Yancey and Madison.

The out look is more hopeful than it has ever been in the history of the Convention. The Corresponding Sec-

retary has collected since May over five hundred dollars and pledges to the amount of 2.500 dollars, so the total since May three thousand dollars.

JOHN P. MORGAN,
W. S. BUCHANAN

Report on the Thomasville Orphanage—We are glad to say that our Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., is one of the very best Institutions presented to our minds. Therefore we highly recommend to this Association to encourage all her delegates to give of their means for keeping it up so that all our poor orphans may be cared for.

Respt. Submitted.
J. A. SPEIGHT,
W. H. OLLIS.
Committee.

Report of Treasurer—Received of Finance Committee $21.40c. from Grassy Creek Church $1.10c. making 22.50c. Paid for Printing of minutes and postage $16.00 for Clerks service $5.00. Balance on hand $1.40c,

D. W. GREENE, Clerk.

On motion it was agreed that each Secretary of the Fifth Sunday meeting return the Minutes of that meeting to the Moderator of this Association so he can carry it up to the next Association.

We your committee on Finance Report—Received $21.50c from the Several Churches for the printing of the minutes.

D. W. GREENE,
N. BUCHANAN,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved that any Brother of this Association in good standing being present at any Sister Association shall report themselves Correspondents and be received as such.

J. P. MORGAN.

Resolved that this body advise each Church in the bounds of this Association at their October meeting to raise at least $1.50c and forward the same to the fifth Sunday meeting at Black Mountain Church in order for our Historian to print the History of this Association.

W. A. ROBERTSON.

Resolved that this Association advise the Churches to

send in their letter to this body, a full report of all their Church expenses in every department of labor.

S. M. GREENE.

Resolved that our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to Rev. W. G. Buchanan who has so efficiently presided over the deliberations of this Association, to visiting brethren who have delighted us with their presence and edefied us with their Speeches, and to the brethren and friends of this community for their whole hearted hospitality in entertaining the delegates and visitors of this body.

P. J. SHELL.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Stephen Buchanan, J. W. Duncan, J. M. Franklin, S. M. Greene, J. C. Sparks, W. G. Buchanan, W. H. Ollis. J. W. Putnam, E. Buchanan, W. D. Mace. E. A. Stamey, J. C. Blaylock, L. H. Greene, T. H. McCurrey, P. J. Shell, E. Isaacs, Isaac Grindstaff, S L. Buchanan, D. M. Hoyle, J. W. Buchanan, D. A. GAUGE, W. S. BUCHANAN, A. Brinkley.

Licentiates—J. W. Stamey, D C. Hartley, H. H. Crisp, J. F. Haney, Charles McKiney, Isaac McKiney, J. Thomas.

QUERY.

What ought to be done with Church members moving into another community, getting their Church letters and remaining in that condition: though there be a Sister Church near them they do nothing for the Church to which they belong neither the one near them.

ANSWER TO QUERY.

We would advise the Churches to which they belong to instruct such members to get letters of dismission or attend their Church meeting and in case they fail to do this deal with them for non-attendance.

D. W. GREENE,
P. J. SHELL,
A. S. CHURCH.
Committee.

On Motion it was agreed that the Clerk Superintend the printing and distribution of these minutes and that he have five dollars for his services, and that he have four hundred copies printed.

On motion adjourned to meet with Big Meadow's Church on Thursday before the first Sunday in September 1893.

ELD. W. G. BUCHANAN,
Moderator.
ELD. J. W. PUTNAM,
Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Names of Churches	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership	Contribution for Minutes.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	Paid Pastor.	Missions.	Incidental.
Bakersville	3	2	--	4	--	--	105	$ 1.20	L. H. Greene	Bakersville	$ 75.00	$ 3.00	$ 31.60
Green Valley	--	--	1	1	--	--	33	60	A. S. Church	Plum Tree	24.00	------	------
Little Rock Creek	18	6	--	4	11	3	185	1.60	L. H. Greene	Bakersville	18.45	------	------
Big Meadows	16	2	3	1	2	1	85	40	P. J. Shell	Altamount	27 00	------	------
Big Rock Creek	--	4	--	--	11	1	70	80	J. W. Putnam	Hessells	25.00	------	------
Fork Mountain	2	3	3	3	15	2	134	1.00	L. H. Greene	Bakersville	35.70	------	6 25
Black Mountain	--	5	--	--	1	--	86	70	S. M. Greene	Bakersville	30 00	------	------
Bear Creek	8	--	--	3	8	1	146	55	J. C. Sparks	Bakersville	24.00	------	------
McKinney Cove	3	--	--	1	1	1	56	60	J. C. Sparks	Bakersville	14.55	------	------
Mine Creek	9	--	--	1	3	--	117	1.15	L. H. Greene	Bakersville	20.00	------	------
Grassey Creek	--	4	--	4	--	--	99	--	E. Buchanan	Bakersville	30.00	------	------
Lilley Branch	4	--	--	--	--	1	121	75	W. C. Parsons	Day Book	------	------	------
Tow River	1	--	2	--	--	2	79	50	E. Isaacs	Lineback	10.00	------	7.50
Cane Creek	5	2	--	4	4	--	134	1.00	S. M. Greene	Bakersville	30 00	------	13.75
Elk Park	23	2	--	4	--	1	89	1.55	W. G. Buchanan	Elk Park	------	------	------
Yellow Mt.	14	2	4	--	4	2	112	1.60	E. Buchanan	Bakersville	------	2.35	69.00
Burlesons Chapel	4	--	--	--	1	--	29	80	S. Buchanan	Elk Park	12.50	------	------
Roan Mountain	5	2	--	4	--	--	162	1.25	J. C. Sparks	Bakersville	24.00	------	------
Roaring Creek	3	--	3	2	11	--	69	85	S. A. Hughes	Plum Tree	12.00	------	------
White Oak	5	--	--	--	--	1	48	65	J. C. Sparks	Bakersville	12.00	------	------
Jonas Ridge	--	2	--	--	4	--	29	55	P. J. Shell	------	21.40	------	------
Mount Pleasant	2	--	--	2	2	4	120	--	E. Isaacs	Lineback	------	------	------
Aaron	3	1	--	3	--	1	68	1.00	A. S. Church	Plum Tree	50.00	8.50	29.00
Big Crab Tree	--	--	--	4	7	--	46	50	James Thomas	------	------	------	------
Silver Chapel	3	2	--	4	--	1	53	75	W. C. Parsons	------	20.00	------	------
Pear Tree	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	10	S. A. Hughes	------	------	------	------

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

MITCHELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

August 31, 1893.

The tenth annual Session of the Mitchell County Association met with Big Meadows Church. In the absence of the Moderator, on motion, Elder S. M. Greene, elected Moderator, pro tem. Prayer by S M. Greene. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Putnam. Text: Timothy 4: 5.

After an intermission of a half an hour the delegates in the house, the moderator pro tem appointed W H. O lis and U. G. Puett reading clerks, read letters from twenty-four churches and enrolled the delegates names. Elected Elder S. M. Greene moderator and Elder J. W. Putnam clerk. Delegates names enrolled as follows:

Bakersville—L. H. Greene, W. S. Buchanan, J. L. Francis, W. P. Upton and Molton Buchanan.

Roan Mountain—S. M. Greene.

Cane Creek—J. M. Buchanan, S. P. Greene, Willie Greene.

Little Rock Creek—William Hughes, W. L. Young, T. G. Miller and H. B. Buchanan.

Bear Creek—J. C. Young, James Buchanan, D. J. English, and J. W. Duncan.

Yellow Mountain—S. Buchanan, W. H. Ollis, H. C. Stafford, S. B. Braswell and U. G. Puett.

Big Rock Creek--J. W. Putnam, David Simpson, D. W. Buchanan, S. C. Gouge and James Hart.

Black Mountain—N. Buchanan and J. S. Collis.

Roaring Creek—S. A. Hughes and Garret Gouge.

Mount Pleasant--E. Isaacs, T. M. Reid, John Johnson, J. Hughes, B. H. Benfield and Marcus Johnson.

Burleson's Chapel—A. Burleson, N. A. Buchanan, and Henry Hileman. McKinney Cove—E. Buchanan.

Lilly Branch—D. Hoyle, D. W. Greene, S. Grindstaff and J. Willis.

Fork Mountain—J. C. Sparks, J. McKinney, J. H. Childers and William Gardner.

Elk Park—J. R. Pritchard, I. Hobson, S. M. Dugger and N. P. Oaks.

Mine Creek—I. Grindstaff, J. Davis, I. McKinney and G. Buchanan.

Bethel—Hunter Dellinger.

Big Meadows—P. J. Shell, W. Vance, W. Dean. D. Ollis, G. W Calloway and Alexander Carpenter.

Grassy Creek—J. C. Blalock.

Green Valley—Johnson Bowman, E Mace and W. B. Rentro.

White Oak—W. Wilson and N. Wilson.

Jonas' Ridge—H. Clark and E. Barrier.

Aaron—S. L. Franklin, H. H. Crisp and J G. Braswell.

Liberty Hill—T. Cox, W. A. McKinney and H. B. Worthen.

Called for correspondents and received Elder W. A. Robertson from Yancey County Association, also J. L. Phillips from Caldwell Association, also T. L. Blalock, the missionary to China. The moderator appointed the following committees, viz: On arrangements—J. R. Pritchard, W. S. Buchanan, J. C. Blalock, L. H. Greene and S. Buchanan with the moderator and clerk, with leave to invite corresponding and visiting brethren. On preaching—John Johnson, S. B. Braswell, with pastor and delegates of this church. On the state of the churches—L. H Greene and J. C. Sparks. On education—J. R. Pritchard and A. S. Church. On home and conventional missions—H. H. Crisp and W. H. Ollis. On foreign missions—W. A. Robertson and A. S. Church. On temperance—E. Buchanan and J. W. Duncan. On the ministry—U. G. Puett and D. W. Greene. On period cals—J. C. Blalock and P. J. Shell. On the orphanage—W. H. Ollis, A. S. Church and I. Grindstaff. On finance—N. Buchanan and J. L. Francis. On church and pastoral relation—A. S. Church and T. M. Reid. On obituaries—J. R. Pritchard and L. H. Greene.

On motion received a newly constituted church by the name of Bethel and enrolled the delegates names On motion adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by Elder W. A. Robertson. Benediction by E. Buchanan.

Friday September 1st. 1893. Met according to adjournment. Praise services conducted by Elder L. H. Greene, after which the house was called to order by the moderator. Read and adopted minutes of yesterday. Called on committee of arrangements to report, report read and on motion was adopted and committee discharged. Called the roll and marked absentees. Read rules of decorum. Called on historian to report, see report. On motion J. W. Putnam was elected historian. Suspended business for the eleven o'clock sermon by Elder W. A. Robertson. Text Luke 16 : 15 who preached an interesting sermon, after which took recess for one hour. Benediction by P. J. Shell. Re-assembled in the house, the moderator called the house to order. On motion, considered the propriety of asking the Western Baptist Convention for a letter of dismission in order to become a member of the Baptist State Convention, and it was agreed to appoint a delegate to bear our request to the W. B. C., to wit: W. H. Ollis.

On motion it was agreed that the next annual meeting of this body be held with Roan Mountain Church and that Elder P. J. Shell preach the introductory sermon, Elder A. S. Church be his alternate, commencing on Thursday, before the first Sunday in September 1894. On motion read the reports of the fifth Sunday meetings and on motion the reports adopted. Report on home missions read, when Elder L. H. Greene was elected missionary to labor in the destitution, and that he have one dollar per day for his services. On motion Elder W. S. Buchanan was elected treasurer of the mission board. On motion appointed mission board, to wit: W. S. Buchanan, W. H. Ollis, J. C. Blalock, J. R. Pritchard and N. Buchanan, and that the missionary and treasurer report to the fifth Sunday meetings. On motion adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by W. A. Robertson. Benediction by E. Buchanan

September 2nd, 1893. Met according to adjournment. Praise services conducted by the moderator, then took up the business of the Association. On motion agreed that the pastors appoint a sister in each church to take collection for the missionary and pay over to W. S. Buchanan, treasurer. Read the report on foreign missions. Remarks by W. A. Robertson, T. L. Blalock, J. C. Blalock, report adopted. Report on finance read and adopted. On motion agreed to take up a collection for home mission at the close of the 11 o'clock sermon. Report on periodicals read and remarks by J. C. Bla-

lock and others. Report on the orphanage read, remarks by A. S. Church and others, report adopted. Report on the state of the churches read, remarks by L. H. Greene and others, report adopted. Report on missions read and remarks by W. A. Robertson and others, report adopted. Suspended business for the sermon of Elder T. L. Blalock. Text Matthew 28 : 19. Took up a collection for home missions amounting to $3. Took recess for one hour. Benediction by W. A. Robertson.

The delegates in the house called to order by the moderator. Read the report on the ministry, remarks by U. G. Puett the report adopted. On motion read the report on the ministry that was transferred from last annual meeting to this meeting, remarks and tabled. Report on education read, remarks by J. C. Francis and others, report adopted. Read the report on temperance, on motion said report was deferred until 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

Query from Burleson's Chapel. Is it right for us as Baptists to reverence a Baptist ministry who preaches doctrine contrary to the Baptist faith and belief?

Answer. No it is not right for us to recognize them, as sound in the faith ; we should admonish them in the spirit of love and if they still persist in said course, call in their credentials and seat them as laymen.

W. A. ROBERTSON,
W. S. BUCHANAN,
Committee.

Your committee on periodicals—We would recommend that every Baptist family in the bounds of the Mitchell County Association take some good religious paper and as the Biblical Recorder is the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina, we would recommend it to the favor of all Baptists every where, also Charity and Children published at Thomasville for the benefit of the Baptist Orphanage ; also the North Carolina Baptist published at Fayetteville, N. C.

J. C. BLALOCK,
P. J. SHELL,
Committee.

Report on the state of the churches—We are sorry to say that the most of our churches are at a low ebb. Why is it so? From the best information that we can receive we believe one of the prime cause of the spiritual death is in the failure on the part of the churches in not supplying their pastors, we there-

fore recommend the pastors to preach duty to their churches and the churches to be more liberal, that the word of God may be glorified thereby. Respectfully submitted.

L. H. GREENE,
J. C. SPARKS,
Committee

Your committee on the ministry beg leave to submit the following: We believe that when God calls a man to preach His word, He calls him away from everything else, and that call implies a preparation for the work. The command is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and this command addresses its self to the churches as well as to the ministry. Some of our preachers are struggling to prepare themselves for the work, while most of the churches are doing next to nothing to assist them in preparing themselves for the work. But your committee do not lay all the blame on the churches. There are many of the preachers who never preach church duty along this line. Your committee would insist that the churches pay their pastors better in the future, and in return they will have better preachers and better preaching. Respectfully submitted.

D. W. GREENE,
U. G. PUETT,
Committee.

Your committee on education submit the following: We hold that education is essential to christian development and without it no people can prosper as a denomination. Our Baptist people in some localities are well up on this subject, but in Mitchell county, we as a denomination, are behind and most especially in regard to ministerial education. We believe that a minister should be an educated man, at least he should understand the English language, and be well versed in biblical doctrine; we would therefore urge our Association to take steps to educate her ministers as early as practicable and to use every means in our power for the encouragement of education, and especially the enterprises that are now in head way in our bounds should be encouraged. Respectfully submitted.

J. R. PRITCHARD,
A. S. CHURCH,
Committee.

Report of treasurer: Received of finance committe $21.20. $1.40 on hand last year, making $22.60, paid for printing

minutes and express charges $16.30, and $5 for services, $1 30 on hand. J. W. Putnam, clerk.

Committee on foreign missions submit the following: The commission is to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. As this is to be done by Christ's servants, and we claim to be his, let us do all we can to send the gospel to the perishing millions beyond. God has opened the world for the gospel and given us the men to go. All that is needed is the means and the command will be obeyed. Brethren, let us do all we can now and continue to do in the future to save the heathen world who are perishing for the bread of life.

W. A ROBERTSON,
A. S. CHURCH. Committee.

Report on home and conventional missions. Your committee beg leave to submit the following: That we, as Missionary Baptists, should be very careful to not neglect our home mission work so long as there remains a destitute place in the bounds of this Association. We hear of the many millions of heathens in foreign countries and the numbers are so vast that they often eclipse our view of smaller numbers at home. But we should remember that our neighbors at home who are destitute of the gospel are under the same impending danger with the heathen of darker lands and should with them receive our christian aid. Hence let us raise the blood-stained banner of Jesus on every hill top until there shall not remain a single destitute place to dim the light of this our enlightened and christianized land. Let us "first cast the beam out of our own eye so that we may clearly see how to cast the mote out of our brothers' eye." We especially desire our beloved missionary to hold regular stated meetings in the destitute places of this Association to endeavor to convert and establish them into christian work, and we desire our pastors and churches to assist him in this work of salvation by encouragement and support in all necessary ways. Now in regard to convent onal missions. In the absence of statistics we cannot give the details of the work, but from former reports we are encouraged to trust that the good work is still prospering in the hands of the Great Missionary of Heaven and may presently and ultimately redound to the upbuilding of the Baptist cause, the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Respectfully submitted.

H. H. CRISP,
W. H. OLLIS, Committee.

Your committee on finance report that we have received $19.10 from the churches and the treasurer for printing minutes.

N. BUCHANAN,
J. L. FRANCIS, Committee.

Your historian begs leave to report the following: Dear brethren I have finished the work assigned me to do by the Association as best I could It is now being printed and will be ready for distribution very soon Eleven cents per history will defray all the expenses. It is to be printed on good paper with a nice cover leaf. Respectfully submitted,

S. M. GREENE, historian.

Report on the church and pastor relations—1. It is the duty of the pastor to preach the word, rebuke, reprove with all long suffering and doctrine. 2. It is the duty of the church to cooperate with their pastor in his work and to give liberally to his support.

A. S. CHURCH,
T. M. REID, Committee.

Report on temperance—Whereas intemperance is the great evil of the day, yet we are glad to say that the cause of temperance is gaining ground and we do most earnestly urge that the Baptists of Mitchell county live temperance and preach temperance wherever they go, for we believe that the cause of temperance is the cause of Christ, and we further believe if the cause of temperance is a success it must be brought through the instrumentality of the church. Respectfully submitted.

E. BUCHANAN,
J. W. DUNCAN, Committee.

The missionary board begs leave to report the following: After meeting and organizing and appointing our missionary it was the decision of this board that it would be best not to have mission work done on the credit system, as such a system had already been injurious to the mission cause in our Association. We supposed that the amount pledged by the different churches at our last Association for mission work would be published in our minutes, and we were assured that the pastors of the different churches would make the collections and turn the same over to the treasurer, but we have received scarcely no funds for the purpose and therefore we have had no work done. Respectfully submitted.

J. R. PRITCHARD,
D. W. GREENE,
N. BUCHANAN, Committee.

The mission board report adopted.

Report of orphanage—These are the leading motives which ought to awaken within our hearts a zealous interest in the cause of the orphanage. 1. The spirit of patriotism. These fatherless boys and girls around us are destined some day to become citizens of our republic, and as such they will possess all the individual power of free citizenship. 2. The spirit of Philanthrophy. We boast of our humane principles, in trumpet tones, we proclaim from the house tops our philanthropic deeds, but despite our many self commendations the fact still confronts us that we are not doing our duty to the helpless and the needy. Oh for more philanthropists who are willing to give of their means for the support of this christian institution 3. The spirit of christianity. Our blessed God, while here on earth, taught his disciples to save the little ones. The orphan children have souls to be saved or lost. God has placed them under the watchcare of his people. As christians we will be held responsible for the welfare of the orphan, and if we fail to do our duty tow ard this helpless class we will not be held guiltless. Brethren, if we are indeed the sons of God, let us emulate the spirit of our Heavenly Parent who is the Father of the fatherless. Your committee begs permission to suggest that each pastor in the bounds of this Association preach at least one sermon during the year, bringing before the people the importance of the orphanage work. Our churches will do more for this cause when they become better acquainted with the subject. Respectfully submitted.

W. H. OLLIS,
A. S. CHURCH,
ISAAC GRINDSTAFF,
Committee.

Report on the orphanage adopted.

Resolved, that this Association advise the fifth Sunday meetings to inquire concerning the moral character of the ministers of this Association, and also whether or not that they are preaching doctrine not according to our articles of faith, and if there be any such found, that said meeting report the same to the churches to which they belong. S. M. GREENE.

Resolved, that all the ministers in this Association who have not the care of churches depending on them be appointed missionaries, and that they report their labors to the next meeting of this Association. E. ISAACS.

Resolved, that our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the officers who have so efficiently presided over the deliberations of this Association; to visiting brethren who have delighted us with their presence and edified us with their speeches and to the brethren and friends of this community for their whole-hearted hospitality in entertaining the delegates and visitors of this body. J. W. PUTNAM.

Ordained ministers. Stephen Buchanan, J. W. Duncan, M. Franklin, S. M. Greene, J. C. Sparks, W G. Buchanan, W. H. Ollis, W. D. Mace, E. A. Stamey, J. W. Putnam L. H. Greene, W. S. Buchanan, E. Buchanan, J. C. Blalock, P. J. Sheil, E. Isaacs, I. Grindstaff, F. M. Hoyle, J. W. Buchanan, D A. Gouge, A. S. Church, T. H. McCourry, S. A. Hughes. Licentiates. J. W. Stamey, D. C. Hartley, H. H. Crisp, J. F. Haney, Charles McKinney, I. McKinney, J. Thomas, U. G. Pratt and William Gardner.

On motion agreed that the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of these minutes, and that he have $5 for his services, and that he have four hundred copies printed.

On motion adjourned to meet with Roan Mountain Church on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1894.

Elder S. M. GREENE, Moderator. Elder J. W. PUTNAM, Clerk.

Sunday, September 3rd, 1893. Met according to adjournment. Prayer by J. C. Blalock. Re-read the report on temperance. Remarks by E. Buchanan, J. R. Pritchard, J. C. Blalock, T. L. Blalock and L. H. Greene. On motion the report was adopted. The hour for preaching has arrived. Elder W. A. Robertson preached. Text. Job 39: 28. followed by Elder T. L. Blalock. Text. Matthew 28: 19. The sermons were very interesting and we trust that lasting impression was made for good. Taken a collection for foreign mission amounting to $9.43. paid over to T. L. Blalock, our missionary to China. Adjourned to meet at time and place above mentioned. Prayer by Robert Franklin. Benediction by the moderator. So closed one of best annual meetings this body ever enjoyed. May the God of love and peace be with us and guide us through the incoming year that much good may be accomplished in His name. Amen.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Names of Churches.	Baptised.	by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Mem.	Con. for Mis.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	Paid Pastors.	Missions.	Incidental.
Bakersville	1		3	1	1	100	85		L H Greene	Bakersville	75 00		20 00
Green Valley	6	9	2	2		1	47	45	A S Church	Plum Tree	24 00		102 00
Little Rock Creek	14	2	4	3	17		185	1 00	L H Greene	Bakersville	30 00		
Big Meadows	2		2	3	2	1	85	75	P J. Shell	Crossnore	18 50		600 00
Big Rock Creek	13	1	7		2	1	79		J W Putnam	Herrell	25 00		12 00
Fork Mountain		3			8		116	60	J C Sparks	Little Rock Cr.			
Black Mountain		5		6	1	1	85	40	S M Greene	Bakersville	30 00		
Bear Creek	31		6	9	5	3	171	1 15	J C Sparks	Bakersville	24 00		16 00
McKinney Cove					1	1	54	50	J C Sparks	Bakersville			
Mine Creek	5	5	1	2	3	2	124	1 20	L H Greene	Bakersville	48 66	1 05	
Grassy Creek		4		4	4		99	55	E Buchanan	Bakersville	last year		
Lilly Branch	9		1	5		1	124	75	I Grindstaff	Bakersville			
Toe River							79		E Isaacs	Lineback	last year		
Cane Creek		2	5	5	7	1	130	1 00	S M Greene	Bakersville	30 00		218 10
Elk Park	6	2	2	1	2	1	94		J W Putnam	Herrell	50 00		59 94
Yellow Mountain	1	2	2	6	4		107		S M Greene	Bakersville	36 00		39 00
Burleson's Chapel	16	5	1				48	1 05	A J F Hyder		24 00		140 00
Roan Mountain		1	1	6	7	2	144	1 05	S M Greene	Bakersville	30 00		18 00
Roaring Creek			1		1		63	40	S A Hughes	Senia			
White Oak	1						45	50	J C Sparks	Bakersville	12 00		
Jonas' Ridge		1	1		9		22	45	P J Shell	Crossnore	19 00	2 70	6 00
Mount Pleasant	5		2	15		1	108		Isaacs and Reid	Lineback			
Big Crabtree							46		James Thomas		last year		
Aaron		12		1	7		71	1 00	A S Church	Plum Tree	50 00		
Silver Chapel							53		W C Parsons		last year		
Liberty Hill	2	4	2				23	40	B M Hoyle	Estatoe			
Bethel							12	50	J W Buchanan	Plum Tree	16 00		

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

MITCHELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

August 30, 1893 (1894)

FIRST DAY

The Association met with the Roan Mountain Baptist Church.

Rev. P. J. Shell, the appointee, not being present, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. L. H. Greene from Ezekiel, 1st Chap., 10th verse. The first thought of the discourse was that of wisdom, 2d that of power, 3d that of patience, 4th that of swiftness, followed by Moderator, S. M. Greene, with a few very appropriate remarks. After which the association took recess for a few minutes. The association reassembled in the house for the transaction of business. The moderator called the association to order, after the choir sang "I Will Follow Him." Prayer by Rev. W. H. Ollis.

Moderator appointed Rev. W. H. Ollis and D. W. Greene reading clerks, who read the church letters.

The terms of the officers having now expired, the association proceeded to ballot for Moderator and Clerk. Rev. L. H. Greene was elected moderator, and S. M. Greene clerk. The association was then declared ready for further business. On motion, an invitation was extended to newly constituted churches, under which the petitions of Cub Creek, and Linville were read, the churche's were received into the association, and the delegates from them seated. On motion correspondents and visiting brethren from Sister Associations were invited to set with us from Stoney Fork. Rev. C. M. Gragg from Yancey county and Bro. Reuben Buchanan.

The Moderator then proceeded to announce the following committees:—Arrangements.—J. C. Sparks, J. R. Pritchard,

J. W. Putnam, I. Grindstaff, E. Buchanan, with moderator, clerk and correspondents.

Preaching.—S. J. Buchanan and S. S. Young with the pastor and delegates of Roan Mountain Church.

State of the Churches.—J. C. Blalock, E. Buchanan.

Education.—W. H. Ollis, D. W. Greene J. C. Bowman.

Home ann Commissions.—D. M. Washburn. J. R. Greene.

Foreign Missions.—R. Y. Blalock, U. G. Puett.

Temperance —J, W. Duncan, T. M. Reid.

Ministry.—Jordan Cook, J. R. Pritchard.

Periodicals.—W. W. Edwards, E. M. Gragg. W. L. Jones.

Orphanage—J. C. Blalock. J. R. Greene, John Miller.

Finance.—J. A. Buchanan, M. Webb.

Church and Pastorial Relation.—I. Grindstaff. S. Wilson.

Obituaries.—James Thomas, H. C. Stafford, D. M Washburn.

A motion to adjourn 'till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning prevailed, prayer by Rev. J. C. Blalock.

SECOND DAY.

AUGUST 31ST. 1894

The association met pursuant to adjournment.

Religious exercises conducted half an hour, by Rev. J. C. Sparks.

Committee of arrangement, called on to report, report read and adopted, committee discharged.

Minutes of proceeding meeting read and approved.

Roll was called, and absence marked.

Report of Rev. L. H. Greene, Missionary for last year.

Labored 15 days in the destitution, received $7,30.

The whole amount of work done during the year, assisted in the constitution, of one church, in the ordination of two ministers and one deacon, witnessed, 190, accessions to the church 120, by experience, Baptised 60, persons traveled 750, miles delivered, 196 sermons, 120 exhortations. Received $156,36.

Some remarks by the clerk, who commended the report, said it was a wonderful good one.

Elected Rev. L. H. Greene missionary for the next year on motion agreed to adopt the same plan of last year with the same board, in regard to Associational missions, except Bro. J. C. Bowman was added as treasurer in place of Rev. W. S. Buchanan, also strike out sisters as collectors, and leave it optionary with the churches to appoint collectors to collect means for said missionary.

At 11 o'clock Rev. E. M. Gragg went to the school house to preach to the people out of doors, while the association continued in session.

Agreed that the association meet in its next session with Lilly Branch Church, Rev. J. W. Putnam to preach the introductory sermon. Rev. W. H. Ollis, alternate, The report on the state of the churches, read by Rev. J. C. Blalock. The report says the most of the churches are spiritually asleep. and ask the question why is it so? (the answer) one of the prime causes is a failure upon the part of the ministry to properly instruct to the churches, in regard to their various duties. The report advises the pastors to preach more to their churches on duty as the stream cannot get above the fountain.

J. C. BLALOCK,
Chairman.

There was some very interesting remarks made upon the report, after which the report was adopted.

Rev. W. H. Ollis reported that this association had become a member of the Baptist State Convention.

Rev. W. S. Buchanan, former treasurer, reported that he had received, and paid over to Rev, L. H. Greene, (missionary) $4 50.

Report on temperance, read by Rev. T. M. Reid, the report is a very strong one, says intemperance is one of the greatest evils of the day. yet, nevertheless, the cause of temperance is still gaining ground, and earnestly insists, that Baptist live and actout temperance, and the preachers practices it everywhere, as the church is believed to be the instrumentality by which success is to be attained.

J. W. DUNCAN,
Chairman,

A lively interesting discussion followed by Prof, J. C. Bowman, R. Y. Blalock, J, R. Pritchard and others. Bro, Pritchard said it was impossible for a christain in this enlightened day to live a christain life and drink intoxicating liquors, said a christain could not consistently vote for a man who drank liquor, report adopted.

On motion adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning Prayer by Rev. S. A, Hughes. Benediction by the moderator

THIRD DAY.

SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1894.

Met according to adjournment. Devotional exercises conducted half an hour by Rev. J. W. Duncan.

Moderator called the association to order, resumed business.

The Historian, Rev. J. W. Putnam, read a very interesting report, which was adopted, and reappointed permanently until it becomes expedient for him to have a successor, and that he record all the annual reports in a book.

Report on Foreign Missions, read by Rev. R. Y. Blalock. Your committee respectfully submit the following report in view of the fact that there are 856,000,000, heathens without the word of God, and the cry is come over and help us, and Jesus is commanding Go ye.

Resolved:—That we are in favor of the Bible plan of Missions, sending our Missionaries direct from the churches as in New Testament times which will enable us to send more Missionaries and do more good for the cause of Christ and for the lost millions. We are glad to know that we have twelve Missionaries in the field under this plan. One among this number, a young man raised among us, one whom we all love.

Resolved:—Therefore that this Association do all in its power to support him, that this body elects a treasurer to receive all money's and send to J. B. Bostic, Asheville, N. C., every three months, who will send direct to him free of cost and receipt back for same to our treasurer. We do reccommend that each church take subscriptions for his support and pay into their treasurer if possible every three months and he will return the same over to the treasurer of the Association. We urge that the pastors of each church in this Association give a talk on Foreign Missions to their churches every three months at least, urging them to increase their subscriptions until this Association supports it on Missionary in China. Then in the end of time, we will hear the sweet words of our Master say, Come ye blessed of my Father inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

R. Y. BLALOCK,

Chairman.

The report was ably discussed by Blalock, Ollis and others, after which the report was adopted. Pledges were then taken for Bro. Blalock, amounting to $90,50.

Took recess for one hour.

At the expiration of which, the delegates re-assembled in

the house and resumed business.

There was preaching kept up at the school house Both before and afternoon. On Friday afternoon Rev. Isaac Grandstaff. Saturday a. m., Revs. S. Buchanan, J. C. Sparks p. m. Rev. J. C. Blalock.

Revs. L. H. Greene and W. H. Ollis, were elected general agents to collect and pay over the pledges made to Bro. Blalock.

Report on Home and Com-missions, read by D. W. Washburn That, as we believe that we cannot have the Spirit o Christ, without having the Spirit of Missions. We do believ that we should show our faith by our work, and not only give of our means to support the regular Missionary appointed by our association, but accept the commission from our blessed Master, go and preach the gospel to every creature. Never be afraid to speak for Jesus, think how much a word can do, and also profit by the suggestion, of our Savior to those living near there added to the commission, the direction, beginning at Jerusalem,

D. M. WASHBURN,

Chairman

After remarks, by the same, report adopted.

Report on the Minestry, read by Bro Cook. The report says, the Ministers of this association have been poorly cared for by their respective churches. Says some of our preachers are strugling hard to prepare themselves for the work, while the most of our churches are doing compartively nothing to assist them in preparing for the work, says all the blame should not be laved to the churches, says a part of the ministers fails to preach church duty as they aught too.

The report insists that churches should pay their pastors better in the future and in return they would have better preachers, and more preaching.

J. COOK,

Chairman.

There was a very lively discussion upon the report by Cook, Pritchard and others, report adopted.

Report on Baptist orphanage, read by Rev. J. C. Blalock, report says that it has under its charge about 130, orphans, dependent on the Baptists of the State for support. The report advises the pastors to take collections at least once every year for their support, remarks by same, report adopted.

J. C. BLALOCK,

Chairman.

With a few prefatory remarks, Prof. J. C. Bowman, read the report on Education as follows:—

That; feeling grateful to Almighty God for past blessings, and knowing that the Education of the rising generation is the only hope of a prosperous church of purity, also knowing that within the last century, the Baptist church in this country has as it were, leaped from a few, only into the thousands from ignorance into intelligence and from destitution into plenty; we believe that the educational opportunities of Mitchel county is in abreast with the demands and circumstances of the times, making rapid progress, having under fosteral care and management of the Baptist, two preparatory schools, non-sectarian management. We further recommend, and believe in education to the fullest extent of our abilities, and especially insist upon ministers preparing themselves for the duties encumbent upon them and recommend the churches not to ordain ministers who will make no effort to prepare themselves for their duties as we believe the means and facilities for such efforts are abundant, We recommend the following schools: Mars Hill and Wake Forest. Respectfully submitted.

J. C. BOWMAN,
Chairman.

Report adopted.

Report on periodicals, read by Prof. Bowman.

The report recommends the Biblical Recorder published at Raleigh, N. C. Report amended by adding the Watchman published at Morganton at 25 per yeat also Foreign Mirsions, Journal published at Richmond Va.

W. W. EDWARDS,
Chairman.

Report on the Church and pastor relations, read by Bro. S. Wilson, (viz.) 1st, It is the duty of the pastor to preach the word. 2nd, It is the duty of the church to co-operate with the pastor in their work. and give to the support.

I GRINDSTAFF,
Chairman.

The next Sunday School Convention is to convene with the Church at Aaron, on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in August 1895, Rev. R. Y. Blalock to preach the introductory sermon. Rev. W. J. Jones, alternate. Please all of the Sunday Schools send delegates. CLERK.

Resolved:—That this association extend thanks to the brethern, sisters an friends, of this vicinity for their hospitality and kindness manifested toward us during the session of this body.

On motion agreed that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that he have five dollars for his services.

A motion to take collection for Foreign Missions to morrow.

On motion adjourned to meet at the time and place named, prayer by "Old Father" Stephen Buchanan, sang "God be With You 'Till we Meat again." Benediction by the Moderator, this ended a very pleasant session. May honor to the Lord result from this meeting. (Clerk.)

REV. L. H. GREENE. Moderator.
S. M. GREENE, Clerk,

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Roan Mountain—S. M. Greene, M. Young, A. Greene. J. Freeman, John Greene, W. O. Wilson, J. W. Buchanan.

Grassy Creek—D. W. Washburn, W. J. Glenn.

Bear Creek—J. W. Duncan, J. C. Young, Sterling Sparks. M. Buchanan, D. J. English, T. C. Duncan.

Little Rock Creek—H. B. Buchanan, J. A, Buchanan, Jos. Greene, S. Young, S. J. Buchanan.

Big Rock Creek—J. W. Putnam, D. Simpson, L. Buchanan, S. C. Gouge.

Bakersville—L. H. Greene, J. C Blalock, R. Y. Blalock, W. S. Buchanan, J. C. Bowman, M. Buchanan, T. C. Greene, W. P. Upton, M. D. Wilson.

Fork Mountain—Wm. Gardner, Jas. McKinney, Wiley Gouge, W. W Edwards.

Elk Park—J. R. Pritchard.

Lilly Branch—D. W. Greene, D. Hoyle, D. Willis.

Mount Pleasant—T. M. Reid, J. B. Isaacs, J. B. Reid,

Yellow Mountain—S. Buchanan, W. H. Ollis, U. G. Puett, H. C. Stafford, J. F. Hall, A. E. Helton

Black Mountain—S. Buchanan, W. D. Long, M. L. Queen, W. J. Jones.

White Oak—I. S. Wilson, I. Grindstaff, L. Ledford.

McKinney Cove—E Buchanan, C. H. McKinney, P. M. Wilson, R. E. Buchanan.

Cane Creek—D A. Greene, Wm. Ward, S. P. Greene, Wm. Greene, A. C. Buchanan.

Mine Creek—I. Grindstaff, J. McKinney, John Buchanan, DocGage, S. S. Young, P. H. Grindstaff, J. H. Davis.

Burleson's Chapel—S. A. Buchanan, H. Hoilman.

Big Meadows—P. J. Sheil, J. M. Calloway, A. Franklin, Z, F. Pyatt.

Roaring Creek—S. A. Hughes S. King, Wilson Hughes.
Aaron—J. A. Miller.
Toe River—W. M. Buchanan, B. A. Ollis. S. M. Putnam, David Ashley.
Green Valley—J. R. Greene.
Big Crabtree—A. Davis.
Silver Chapel—James Thomas. John Ellis.
Chestnut Grove—I. J. Ratliff, J. H. Wacaster.
Jonas Ridge—Eddie Warrier.
Cub Creek—J. C. Sparks, D. R. Hort, M. Webb.
Linville—R. S. Hays, Jordan Cook.
Liberty Hill—not represented.
Bertell—not represented.

Sunday September, 2d.

The stand was occupied by Rev. L. H. Greene, who took for his subject, 13th verse 16th chap. 1 Cor., watch ye, who preached a very able and instructive sermon, to a large and well ordered congregation, closed by the writer with an exhortation, congregation sang Oh Think of the Home over there and gave each other their hand with many tears with the hope of meeting each other over there. CLERK.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Rev. L. H Greene Moderator..... Bakersville, N. C.
Rev. S. M. Greene, Clerk..... ....." " " "
J. C. Bowman, Treasurer....." " " "
Rev, J. W. Putnam, Historian.... .....Herrells, " "

T. L. Blalock Missionary in China.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Stephen Buchanan, J. W. Duncan, S. M. Greene, J. C. Sparks, W. H. Ollis, W. D. Mace, E. A. Stamey, J. W. Putnam, L. H. Greene, W. S Buchanan, E. Buchanan, J. C, Blalock, P. J. Shell, E. Isaacs, I. Grindstaff, B. M. Hoyle. J. W. Buchanan, D. A. Gouge, S. A. Hughes, W. C. Parsons, D. A. Greene, D. C. Hartly, T. M. Reid, W. J. Jones, James Thomas, M. Franklin (deceased) A. S Church (gone west) T. H. McCurry (joined freewills) W. G. Buchanan, (excluded.)

LICENTIATE MINISTERS.

S. W. Stamey, E. M. Johnson, H. H. Crisp, Chas. McKinney, I. McKinney, Wm. Gardner, U. G. Puett.

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

MITCHELL COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH,

MITCHELL COUNTY, N. C.

The next session will be held with Little Rock Creek Church, about six miles north of Bakersville, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the Third Sunday in September, 1897, Rev. S. M. Greene to preach Introductory Sermon.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

REV. S. M. GREENE, MODERATOR ..... Bakersville, N. C.
D. W. GREENE, CLERK ..... Ledger, N. C.
REV. J. W. PUTMAN, HISTORIAN ..... Magnetic City, N. C.
J. S. POTEET, TREASURER ..... Bakersville, N. C.

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I. GRINDSTAFF, " "
E. BUCHANAN, " "
L. H. GREENE, " "
D. A. GREENE, " "
J. C. SPARKS, " "
W. C. PARSONS .... Bandana, N. C.
D. A. GOUGE, " "
JAMES THOMAS, " "
B. M. HOYLE ..... Estatoe, N. C.
W. J. JONES ..... Estatoe, N. C.
J. R. BOON ..... Estatoe, N. C.
C. H. MCKINNEY, Bakersville, N. C.
E. ISAACS ..... Lineback, N. C.
T. M. REID ..... Lineback, N. C.
S. BUCHANAN ... Plum Tree, N. C.
W. H. OLLIS ... Plum Tree, N. C.
E. A. STAMY ..... Lineback, N. C.
P. J. SHELL ..... Lineback, N. C.
S. A. HUGHES ..... Valley, N. C.
J. W. PUTMAN, Magnetic City, N. C.
D. C. HARTLEY, Minneapolis, N. C.

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ISAAC MCKINNEY, " "
J. R. WACASTER .... Estatoe, N. C.
E. M. JOHNSON ... Lineback, N. C.
S. W. STAMY ..... Lineback, N. C.
L. BURLESON ..... Bandana, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

SEPTEMBER 3, 1896.

The Mitchell County Association met in its Thirteenth Annual Session September 3, 1896, at 11 A. M., with the Baptist church at Mount Pleasant. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. G. P. Bostic. Text, Matthew 28: 18–20. At the conclusion of the sermon the Association adjourned until 1 P. M.

The Association reassembled at the house for the transaction of the business of the session. After singing, Bro. H. H. Farthing led in prayer.

Then the Moderator called the Association to order. W. H. Ollis and S. M. Greene were appointed reading clerks, who read the letters from twenty-five churches.

Called for newly-constituted churches. Received one by the name of Roan Valley.

The terms of the officers having now expired, the delegates proceeded to ballot for Moderator and Clerk. Rev. S. M. Greene was elected Moderator, and D. W. Greene Clerk. The Association was then declared ready for further business.

On motion, the Moderator invited correspondents and visiting brethren to seats with us. Received brother G. P. Bostic, missionary from China; also, M. P. Matheny, representing the *Southern Baptist*. From Three Forks Association: Rev. Jacob Yonce, John Norris, S. T. Carroll, E. G. Norris, J. H. Farthing. Watauga Association: Rev. W. H. Hicks. Stony Fork Association: Rev. E. M. Gragg.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Arrangements—L. H. Greene, J. C. Sparks, W. H. Ollis, N. Buchanan, E. Buchanan, with Moderator and Clerk.

On Preaching—J. S. Collis, Marion Buchanan, with the delegates of Mount Pleasant church.

On Education—J. A. Miller, John Norris, and Jacob Yonce.

On State and Home Missions—P. J. Shell, D. M. Washburn, J. H. Farthing.

On Foreign Missions—J. C. Blalock and G. P. Bostic.

On Temperance—J. M. Washburn and W. H. Hicks.

On Periodicals—J. R. Greene and M. P. Matheny.

On Orphanage—E. M. Gragg, W. H. Ollis and S. T. Carroll.

On Finance—R. M. Young and J. A. Weatherman.

On Obituaries—Isaac Grindstaff and P. J. Shell.

On Sabbath Schools—J. W. Putman and Newton Buchanan.

On motion, adjourned till 8:30 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

SEPTEMBER 4, 1896.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Spent thirty minutes in devotional exercises, conducted by Bro. John Norris, by reading and commenting on the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. Prayer by Bro. W. H. Hicks.

Minutes of yesterday read, corrected, and approved.

On motion, the Clerk called the roll and marked absentees.

On motion, called for reading of

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS.

1. Call the roll and mark absentees.
2. Read rules of decorum.
3. Read, correct, and adopt proceedings of yesterday.
4. Say where next Association shall be held, and who preach the introductory sermon.
5. Call on the foreign missionary agents to report.
6. Consider the propriety of appointing mission agents.
7. Call on Mission Board to report.
8. Call on Historian to report.
9. Appoint delegates to the State Convention.
10. Consider the propriety of appointing delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention.
11. Call on committees to report.
12. Call for resolutions.
13. Say who superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and what he shall receive for his services.
14. Miscellaneous business.

The above report was adopted.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Aaron—John A. Miller, J. T. Braswell, A. J. Taylor.

Bear Creek—Sohn Turbyfill, Rev. J. W. Duncan, Rev. J. C. Blalock, Milton Buchanan, D. J. English, Wm. Willis.

Black Mountain—Newton Buchanan, J. S. Collis, J. M. Queen.

Big Crabtree—A. Davis, J. D. Ledford.

Big Rock Creek—Samuel Stanly, Landen Buchanan, David Simpson, B. A. Bryant, Rev. J. W. Putman.

Burleson's Chapel—Rev. D. C. Hartley, W. M. Buchanan, A. Burleson, B. A. Ollis, N. A. Buchanan.

Big Meadows—Rev. P. J. Shell, Wm. Vance, J. M. Calloway, A. Carpenter, E. M. Johnson, J. W. Stamy, Rev. Elias Stamy.

Bakersville—Rev. L. H. Greene, Rev. E. Buchanan.

Cub Creek—Rev. J. C. Sparks, Doc. Hart, T. C. Greene, Noah Buchanan.

Cane Creek—Rev. D. A. Greene, Wm. Ward, D. P. Dellinger, A. C. Buchanan.

Grassy Creek—S. G. Quinn, D. N. Washburn, Benj. Harrison, J. M. Washburn.

Greene Valley—James A. Weatherman, Joseph Ollis, J. R. Greene, Rev. Wm. Mace.

Jonas' Ridge—Eddie Barrier, L. C. Shell.

Linville—W. H. H. Clark, J. L. Thompson.

Little Rock Creek—H. B. Buchanan, J. C. Randolph, W. C. Burleson, J. A. Buchanan, Alex. Buchanan, J. C. McCoury.

Lily Branch—D. W. Greene, J. J. Murdoch, John Willis, C. G. Willis.

Fork Mountain—Sidney Stanley, Wm. Gardner, Charles Slagle, G. Sparks, D. McKinney, Thos. Greene.

Liberty Hill—W. A. McKinney.

Mine Creek—Rev. Isaac Grindstaff, Rev. R. M. Young, Jas. Davis, Isaac McKinney.

Roaring Creek—Nathan Lewis, Samuel King.

White Oak—Milton Wilson.

Mount Pleasant—Rev. E. Isaacs, Rev. T. M. Reed, B. H. Benfield, W. A. Aldrich, Jason Hughes, Russell Burleson.

Yellow Mountain—Rev. S. Buchanan, Rev. W. H. Ollis, H. C. Stafford, S. J. Braswell, John Hall.

Roan Mountain—Rev. S. M. Greene, Mack Young, S. N. Buchanan.

Roan Valley—H. N. Ayers, S. W. Edwards.

Elk Park—J. R. Pritchard.

Silver Chapel—Not represented

McKinney Cove—Samuel McKinney, Marion Wilson, Melvin Wilson.

Chestnut Grove—Not represented.

On motion, the report on Foreign Missions is to be taken up at 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

On motion, the Report on Periodicals is to come up first thing after noon this evening.

On motion, the next Association is to convene with Little Rock Creek church, and Rev. S. M. Greene will preach the introductory sermon.

On motion, Bro. W. J. Potter was received as a visitor from Three Forks Association; also, Bro. W. A. Benfield was received as a visitor from Catawba Association.

Called on Foreign Mission agents to report to the body.

The following

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION AGENTS

was read by Rev. L. H. Greene:

As one of the general agents appointed by the Association to collect and pay over money to our missionary, T. L. Blalock, now in China, I beg leave to submit the following report: The total amount I have collected from the different churches during the past year was $28.17. I have paid out $15.27, leaving a balance on hand of $12.90. L. H. GREENE.

Rev. W. H. Ollis, missionary agent, reports that he has received from the different churches during the past year $22.00.

On motion to substitute voluntary preachers, instead of a Missionary Board, to collect and pay over missionary funds, the following preachers gave their names: L. H. Greene, T. M. Reed, E. A. Stamy, E. Buchanan, S. Hughes, E. Isaacs, J. C. Blalock, J. C. Sparks, D. A. Greene, Isaac Grindstaff, J. W. Putman, R. M. Young, P. J. Shell, W. M. Mace.

On motion, the Moderator appointed Bro. S. J. Poteet, of Bakersville, as Treasurer of the Mitchell County Association.

On motion, J. C. Blalock, W. H. Ollis and P. J. Shell were appointed delegates to the State Convention at Morganton, N. C.

On motion, L. H. Greene was appointed a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention at Wilmington, N. C.

The time having arrived for the 11 o'clock service, on motion, adjourned to hear Bro. W. H. Hicks, who preached a very impressive sermon to an attentive congregation. Then adjourned till 1 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled pursuant to adjournment. Called to order by the Moderator.

Called on the Committee on Periodicals to report. The report was read by M. P. Matheny as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee is constrained, in view of the widespread dissemination of general newspaper information, and the fact that many evil-minded people are engaged in poisoning the minds of our youth, to urge upon our people the importance of having a good religious paper in every house. We may think

that we may guard our children from such baneful influences, but we ought not to deceive ourselves in this matter. The only way to meet this pernicious influence is by means of the religious press. Our denominational life is at a low ebb, and it seems impossible to enlist our people in the evangelization of the world. There is no agency better qualified to lift our people to a higher plane of Christian and denominational life than through our denominational papers.

We take pleasure in calling the attention of our people to the *Biblical Recorder*, published at Raleigh; *Southern Baptist*, Asheville, N. C.; *Charity and Children*, Thomasville, N. C., and *Our Missionary Helper*, published at Decator, Ga. These papers are earnestly engaged in a good work, and deserve our most loyal support.

J. R. GREENE,
M. P. MATHENY,
Committee.

The above report was adopted. Able discussions were then made by M. P. Matheny, John Norris, J. C. Blalock, W. H. Ollis and W. H. Hicks.

The report on Temperance was read by W. H. Hicks, as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

"Temperance" is defined to be the moderate use of things needful to the health and comfort of the body, and to the glory of God —as bread, meat, water, etc. That which does not contribute to the health and comfort of the body, nor to the glory of God, is an intemperate use of that thing. Intoxicating beverages do not contribute to the health and comfort of the body, nor to the glory of God. Therefore, it is intemperance to use them as a beverage. The violation of this principle has produced all the drunkenness, and the horrors arising out of it, in this free land of ours, and it has thrust upon us the heating agitation which is now surging through the whole land. On the one hand, are the principles which lead to intemperance and drunkenness. On the other, are the principles of temperance and prohibition of intemperance and its causes. We, as Christians and ministers, should place ourselves on the side of temperance, and with Paul, Peter, and the Holy Spirit. See Acts 24: 29; Gal. 5: 22; II Peter 1: 6. Felix desired to hear Paul concerning faith in Christ, and as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled. Of the three fundamental principles of faith in Christ, *temperance* is placed between righteousness and judgment to come.

It is made equal therefore to the former and to the latter, and cannot be separated from them without doing the greatest violence to our faith in Christ. Gal. 5: 22.

Temperance is grouped with love, joy, peace, long suffering, faith, temperance, as a fruit of the Spirit. These graces are all equally of the Spirit, and must be equally cultivated in the Christian life. No Christian can oppose it without sinning against the Spirit's work. If this is not prohibition of intemperance and drunkness, in the name of the Bible what is it?

The manufacture, sale and use of such beverages are the firm supports of drunkenness and intemperance, and are therefore prohibited by the teaching of the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit, sent from God the Father and Jesus Christ, His Son, to reprove the world of sin, and righteousness and judgment to come.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. WASHBURN,
W. H. HICKS,
Committee.

The above report was discussed by M. P. Matheny and J. M. Washburn. The report was then adopted.

J. A. Miller read the following

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Primary education in our common schools should be taught to the highest possible efficiency, and, where possible, the funds from the State should be supplemented by local taxation. The great mass of our people will receive no other advantages than those furnished by the common schools. This Association should take steps at this session to establish and maintain a good first-class high school in our bounds, where our sons and daughters can receive a liberal academic training under Baptist and religious influences. Let us cease to send our children to Pedo-Baptist schools, where their denominational life is dwarfed and largely destroyed.

Wake Forest College, as a school for higher education of our boys, is unsurpassed. It is a cheap school, and it is progressive. Met us enter our emphatic protest against the Legislature of our State appropriating funds out of our taxes to build up State schools, to the detriment of denominational academies and colleges. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. MILLER,
JOHN NORRIS,
JACOB YONCE,
Committee.

Remarks by J. A. Miller, M. P. Matheny, D. N. Washburn and G. P. Bostic. The report was then adopted.

On mosion, the Moderator appointed the following committee to consider the propriety of purchasing and furnishing the Toe River Academy, and report to this body at next Association: John A. Miller, J. R. Greene, Charles E. Greene, Newton Buchanan and P. J. Shell.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read by Rev. J. W. Putman as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following: We believe the Sunday School work is progressing in our bounds, yet there is a great lack of interest manifested in some communities. We would recommend the parents and delegates of this Association to use all their power to awaken a general interest throughout the bounds of this Association. We would also recommend that the Sabbath School Convention be revived again, and that its next session be held with Bear Creek Church, commencing on Friday before 3d Sunday in November, 1896.

Remarks by J. W. Putman, J. R. Greene, D. N. Washburn, N. Buchanan, J. C. Blalock. The above report was adopted.

On motion, the Moderator appointed J. R. Greene, Newton Buchanan and J. M. Washburn as a committee to prepare a program for the Sunday School Convention, which is to meet with Bear Creek church on Friday before the third Sunday in November, 1896.

PROGRAM FOR SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

1. The introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. P. J. Shell.

2. Then the Convention to be called to order and organized by the former president, N. Buchanan.

J. M. WASHBURN,
N. BUCHANAN,
J. R. GREENE,
Committee.

A motion to adjourn till half-past 8 o'clock to-morrow morning prevailed.

Prayer by J. C. Blalock.

THIRD DAY.

SEPTEMBER 5, 1896.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Spent thirty minutes in devotional exercises, conducted by J. C. Blalock, who read and commented on the forty-third chapter of Isaiah. Prayer by J. W. Duncan.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

On motion, the time of the Association is changed from Thursday before first Sunday in September to Thursday before third Sunday in September.

On motion, suspended the business of the Association to hear Bro. G. P. Bostic lecture on the Chinese language, customs, habits, etc.

The time having arrived for the 11 o'clock service, on motion, adjourned to hear Bro. M. P. Matheny, who preached an excellent sermon to a very large and attentive congregation.

On motion, the Association then adjourned till 1 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment. The Association called to order by the Moderator.

On motion, the time of the Sunday School Convention is changed from Friday before third Sunday in April, 1897, to Friday before third Sunday in November, 1896.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by G. P. Bostic as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Two things need to be emphasized constantly among our Baptist people generally before we can do much in the evangelization of the world: that is, conviction of duty, and increase of spirituality. "If ye love me, keep my commandments," is one of Christ's declarations to His disciples just before His crucifixion; and "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations," is the greatest of all His commandments, given to His followers between the resurrection and the ascension. He also said in his early ministry, "By their fruits ye shall know them." Now, all these are the solemn words of our Saviour and Master, and by these words we are to be judged at the last day. Let us examine some of our fruits, then, to see how much we love. We report at this meeting twenty-nine churches and twenty-five ministers; and yet the average of our contributions to help lift up a *thousand million* heathen to light and life in Christ is

an average, for a whole year, a little over two dollars for each church, and about *two cents* for each member—and that, too, when God has greatly honored our body by calling one of our own boys to labor among the heathen. Judged by the above Scripture, then, how feebly we love. Brethren, are we missionaries in name only, or shall we prove our faith by our works? We very heartily recommend that instead of the two special collections for Foreign Missions, every preacher and delegate in this Association go home imbued with the idea that each is an agent to do all he can to inaugurate a systematic effort in every church in this Foreign Mission work. Let the responsibility be distributed upon every pastor and church. We recommend, too, that some brother, centrally located, be appointed to receive and forward the funds. Let the idea be a contribution from *every member* of every church for Foreign Missions; and above all, let us strive to remember in every meeting our missionary, T. L. Blalock, in our prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BLALOCK,
G. P. BOSTIC,
Committee.

The above report was adopted.

Able discussions were then made by M. P. Matheny and G. P. Bostic.

The Historian, J. W. Putman, made his report to the body, and on motion, it was adopted.

The report on the Baptist Orphanage was read by E. M. Gragg, as follows:

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

We regard the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, as one of the most important institutions fostered by our denomination, and worthy of our prayers, sympathies and liberal contributions. There are now about one hundred and forty children in this institution, under the care and direction of Bro. J. B. Boon.

These children are to be fed, clothed and educated by the charities of the Baptist denomination, and we are not alive to the work as we should be. We insist that all the brethren and sisters take the cause of those children home to themselves and try to look after their interest, and not neglect our orphans. It is recommended to the Sunday Schools of the Association to take one collection each month for the orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. GRAGG,
S. T. CARROLL,
W. H. OLLIS,
Committee.

The above report was adopted. Remarks by M. P. Matheny, W. H. Ollis, J. C. Blalock.

D. N. Washburn read the following report on State and Home Misssions:

REPORT ON STATE AND HOME MISSIONS.

State Missions is that department of our work in which all the Associations in the Baptist State Convention are united in practical work, to give the gospel to the destitute places of the State. We think there are about one hundred Baptist preachers employed this year. We are expected to raise about $1,500 this year. We are sorry to say that in our Association there has not been so much contributed as should have been.

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. WASHBURN,
P. J. SHELL,
Committee.

The report was adopted. No remarks.

J. A. Weatherman read the report on Finance, as follows:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committe on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have received from the various Churches for printing of minutes, twenty-one dollars and seventy-five cents, all of which has been paid over to the Clerk of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. WEATHERMAN,
R. M. YOUNG,
Committee.

REPORT OF CLERK.

Received from the Finance Committee last year,		$20 00
Paid for printing of Minutes, and postage,	$13 00	
For Clerk's services	5 00	
	$18 00	
Balance on hand,	2 00	
Total,	$20 00	$20 00

D. W. GREENE,
Clerk.

On motion, the Clerk is to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and have 400 copies printed, he to retain the balance of the money for his services.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this body are due, and hereby tendered, to the brethren and sisters and friends of this community for their kind hospitality during this Association.

On motion, adjourned, after singing.
Prayer by Bro. E. M. Gragg.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Met according to adjournment. Praise services conducted by M. P. Matheny, after which Rev. G. P. Bostic spoke to a large and attentive congregation from John 12th chapter, and 24th and 25th verses, with apparent good effect.

Thus ended the 13th Annual Session of the Mitchell County Association.

S. M. GREENE,
Moderator.

D. W. GREENE,
Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.	No. Teachers.	Average Attendance.	Sunday School Expenses.
Aaron	C. P. Braswell, Montezuma	7	64	$
Bear Creek	Stephen M. Willis, Ledger		60	4 60
Bakersville	J. S. Poteet, Bakersville	6	48	22 32
Big Meadows	D. N. Pyatt, Hughes		60	12 00
Big Crabtree	J. D. Tolley, Estatoe	2		
Big Rock Creek	W. H. Wise, Magnetic City	4	60	
Burleson's Chapel	J. A. Grindstaff		65	4 23
Cane Creek	C. H. Wise, Bakersville		85	25 33
Jonas' Ridge	T. W. Keller, Jonas' Ridge	5	35	
Lily Branch	D. W. Greene, Ledger	4	50	
Liberty Hill	S. Worthen, Estatoe	2	20	
Little Rock Creek	Stokes Buchanan	4	50	
Mount Pleasant	A. A. Johnson, Hughes	9	90	
Mine Creek	R. M. Davis, Bakersville	7	60	
Roaring Creek	M. E. Greene, Valley		47	3 03
Silver Chapel	D. A. Gouge, Bandana		67	
White Oak	I. N. Wilson, Ledger		43	

Other churches report good Sunday Schools, but failed to give the names of the Superintendents, or to give any figures. Let us have full reports next year.

CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Additions.			Dismissed.			Total Membership.	Contribution for Minutes.
			Baptized.	Letter.	Restored.	Letter.	Excluded	Deaths.		
Aaron	E. M. Gragg	J. A. Miller	2	1	0	0	2	2	66	95
Bear Creek	S. M. Greene	M. Buchanan	6	7	1	3	7	2	190	$1 30
Bakersville	L. H. Greene	M. D. Wilson	9	0	4	10	0	2	109	1 00
Big Meadows	T. M. Reid	Z. D. Pyatt	0	1	0	4	8	0	97	55
Big Crabtree	B. M. Hoyle	H. W. Willis	0	1	6	2	0	0	30	60
Big Rock Creek	J. C. Sparks	D. W. Buchanan	13	0	2	0	0	2	95	1 10
Black Mountain	W. J. Jones	W. D. Long	0	0	2	0	3	1	91	85
Burleson's Chapel	L. H. Greene	N. A. Buchanan	5	8	0	0	3	1	81	1 00
Cub Creek	I. Grindstaff	D. Hart	12	3	5	0	1	1	70	40
Cane Creek	S. M. Greene	C. H. Wise	11	0	1	2	1	0	147	1 55
Elk Park	J. W. Putman	J. P. Crisp	4	0	1	4	9	0	42	75
Fork Mountain	I. Grindstaff	Charles Slagle	8	5	4	12	1	4	123	75
Green Valley	L. H. Greene	J. A. Weatherman	0	4	0	0	0	0	76	70
Grassy Creek	L. H. Greene	S. G. Quinn	15	2	4	0	0	3	115	75
Jonas' Ridge	T. M. Reid	E. Barier	3	0	2	5	0	0	24	30
Lily Branch	W. C. Parsons	D. W. Greene	1	0	3	3	0	0	99	80
Liberty Hill	Jasper Jones	Isaac Cox	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	35
Linville	P. J. Shell	J. L. Cook	1	3	0	2	0	0	20	75
Little Rock Creek	W. C. Parsons	J. A. Buchanan	9	0	21	3	5	4	180	1 05
McKinney Cove	C. H. McKinney	R. E. Ellis	0	0	0	9	0	0	47	60
Mount Pleasant	E. Isaacs	B. H. Benfield	15	2	6	2	1	0	112	60
Mine Creek	J. C. Sparks	J. H. Davis	4	2	2	3	6	1	143	85
Roaring Creek	David Greene	R. T. Lewis	0	0	0	2	1	0	59	50
Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene	J. Z. Singleton	3	2	3	4	2	2	155	1 90
Silver Chapel	I. Grindstaff	D. A. Gouge	3	3	0	1	1	0	67	65
White Oak	J. C. Sparks	M. L. Wilson	8	0	1	0	2	1	55	45
Yellow Mountain	L. H. Greene	H. C. Stafford	0	0	0	1	1	2	112	70
Roan Valley	I. Grindstaff	S. Edwards	0	16	0	0	0	0	22	30

MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

MITCHELL COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

LITTLE ROCK CREEK CHURCH,

MITCHELL COUNTY, N. C.,

AUGUST 16th, 17th and 18th, 1897.

The next session will be held with Bear Creek Church, about seven miles east of Bakersville, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1898, P. J. Shell to preach the Introductory Sermon.

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D. W. Greene, Clerk ..... Ledger, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Putman, Historian ..... Magnetic City, N. C.
J. S. Poteet, Treasurer ..... Bakersville, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

S. M. Greene ... Bakersville, N. C.
W. S. Buchanan, " "
I. Grindstaff, " "
E. Buchanan, " "
L. H. Greene, " "
D. A. Greene, " "
J. C. Sparks, " "
C. H. McKinney, " "
J. W. Duncan ..... Ledger, N. C.
J. C. Blalock ..... Ledger, N. C.
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J. R. Coon ..... Estatoe, N. C.
W. M. Mace ..... Elsie, N. C.
S. A. Hughes ..... Valley, N. C.
E. M. Johnson .... Hughes, N. C.
E. Isaacs ..... Hughes, N. C.
T. M. Reid ..... Hughes, N. C.
E. A. Stamy ..... Altamont, N. C.
S. Buchanan ... Plum Tree, N. C.
W. H. Ollis .... Plum Tree, N. C.
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J. W. Putman, Magnetic City, N. C.
D. C. Hartly .. Minneapolis, N. C.

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J. R. Waycaster .. Estatoe, N. C.
Isaac McKinney .. Bandana, N. C.
L. Burleson ..... Bandana, N. C.
S. W. Stamy .... Altamont, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

September 16th, 1897.

The Mitchell County Baptist Association met this day in its Fourteenth Annual Session with Little Rock Creek Church at 11 o'clock a. m.

After singing, the Moderator read the first chapter of Revelations. Prayer by Bro. Stephen Buchanan. The Introductory Sermon was preached by S. M. Greene, from Ephesians, 6th chapter and 17th verse. At the conclusion of the sermon, prayer was offered by E. H. Lewis. Then took recess for ten minutes.

The delegates reassembled at the hour appointed. After singing, Bro. E. H. Hicks led in prayer.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator. W. H. Ollis and P. J. Shell were appointed reading clerks, who read the church letters from twenty-six churches. Called for newly constituted churches. Received none.

The terms of officers having now expired, the delegates proceeded to ballot for Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the election of S. M. Greene as Moderator and D. W. Greene, Clerk. The Association was then declared ready for further business.

On motion, the Moderator invited visiting brethren and correspondents to seats with us. From Watauga Association, received Rev. W. H. Hicks, Rev. E. H. Hicks, E. F. Hayes and Parks Hayes; from Holston Association, Rev. E. R. Lewis; Green River Association, Wm. Buchanan; Yancey County Association, Rev. B. B. Riddle; Three Forks Association, Rev. Wm. Cannon. Also received Rev. E. F. Tatum, late missionary from China.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the usual committees, as follows:

Arrangements.—L. H. Greene, Stephen Buchanan, S. A. Hughes, J. C. Thomas, J. W. Putman, with Moderator and Clerk.

On Preaching.—Marion Wilson, Wm. Greene, with delegates of Little Rock Creek Church.

On Education.—M. L. Wilson and E. H. Hicks.

State and Home Missions.—W. H. Ollis and J. W. Putman.

Foreign Missions.—J. C. Blalock and E. F. Tatum.

Temperance.—J. C. Sparks and B. B. Riddle.

Periodicals.—L. H. Greene, E. R. Lewis and W. H. Hicks.

Orphanage.—Isaac Grindstaff and Solomon Yonce.

Finance.—R. M. Young and J. R. Greene.

Obituaries.—W. H. Ollis and J. W. Putman.

Sabbath Schools.—P. J. Shell and J. W. Duncan.

Pastoral Support.—W. Bumgarner and Z. D. Pyatt.

Ministerial Relief Fund.—Solomon Yonce and J. C. Blalock.

On motion, the Committee on Arrangements will meet at the church this evening at 4.30 p. m. to arrange the program.

On motion, the Association adjourned.

The Committee on Arrangements met at the church at the appointed hour, and after listening to an interesting sermon by B. B. Riddle, from Luke 12: 49, then proceeded to prepare the program; after which adjourned to 8.30 to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment yesterday.

Spent thirty minutes in devotional services, conducted by Rev. E. H. Hicks, after which the Association was called to order by the Moderator. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion, the Clerk called the roll and marked absentees.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Arrangements was read and adopted.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Aaron.—W. Bumgarner and Solomon Yonce.

Bakersville.—L. H. Greene, M. D. Wilson, J. W. T. Quinn and Wm. A. Buchanan.

Bear Creek.—D. J. English, Reuben Sparks, Arthur Buchanan, J. W. Duncan and J. C. Blalock.

Big Meadows.—P. J. Shell, W. Stamy, I. A. Johnson and Z. D. Pyatt.

Big Crabtree.—J. D. Ledford.

Burleson's Chapel.—Marion Buchanan, Aaron Burleson, B. A. Ollis, G. C. Buchanan.

Big Rock Creek.—B. A. Bryant, D. W. Buchanan, David Simpson, S. Stanly, M. Francis and J. W. Putman.

Black Mountain.—Reid Queen.

Cub Creek.—Wm. Canipe, D. W. Slagle, Moses Webb and J. C. Sparks.

Cane Creek.—D. A. Greene, A. C. Buchanan, Wm. Greene and Wm. Ward.

Elk Park.—J. N. Pritchard.

Fork Mountain.—E. B. Gibbs, Thomas Greene, H. R. Hughes, David Cook and David Burchfield.

Grassy Creek.—H. W. McKinney and S. W. Hollyfield.

Greene Valley.—J. R. Greene.

Jonas' Ridge.—Eddie Bearer.

Liberty Hill.—Isaac Cox.

Linville.—No delegates.

Lily Branch.—D. W. Greene, C. G. Willis and J. J. Murdach.

Little Rock Creek.—H. B. Buchanan, J. C. Randolph, A. W. Buchanan, Wm. Ellis, Alex. Buchanan and Wm. A. Buchanan.

Mine Creek.—J. H. Davis, R. M. Young, Isaac Grindstaff, Jas. Davis, P. H. Grindstaff and Isaac McKinney.

Mount Pleasant.—B. W. Benfield.

McKinney Cove.—C. H. McKinney, H. T. , R. E. Ellis and P. M. Wilson.

Peper's Creek.—George Queen.

Roan Mountain.—S. M. Greene, J. Z. Singleton, W. J. Wilson, Charles Loury and A. Greene.

Roaring Creek.—S. A. Hughes, Nathan Lewis, Charles Hughes and Benjamin Hobson.

Silver Chapel.—J. C. Thomas, S. S. Young, D. P. Chandler, S. J. Silver and M. Putman.

White Oak.—M. L. Wilson, James Buchanan and Manning Ledford.

Yellow Mountain.—S. Buchanan, W. H. Ollis and H. C. Stafford.

Roan Valley and Chestnut Grove.—Not represented.

On motion, the report on Foreign Missions is set apart for 10 o'clock to-morrow.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following brethren as a committee to revise the list of ministers, with their postoffices, in the Association: S. J. Silver. J. Z. Singleton, Z. D. Pyatt, D. J. English and J. R. Greene.

On motion, the next session of the Mitchell County Association is to convene with Bear Creek church, commencing on Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1898, and that P. J. Shell preach the Introductory Sermon.

On motion, the fifth item of the program is postponed until after the report on Foreign Missions.

The Moderator appointed W. H. Ollis and J. C. Blalock as delegates to the State Convention. The Committee on Preaching report that W. H. Hicks will preach at 11 o'clock, and that E. H. Hicks will preach at 3 o'clock p. m.

On motion, took a recess for ten minutes.

At the ringing of the bell, the delegates re-assembled in the house for the 11 o'clock sermon. W. H. Hicks preached a very impressive sermon to a large and attentive congregation, using for his text Eph. 3: 19. Then the Association took a recess for one hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association re-assembled at the hour appointed. After singing, Rev. E. H. Hicks preached from Isaiah 40: 31, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles." This was an excellent sermon, in which God's people were made to rejoice, and the wicked to feel their lost conditon.

At the conclusion of the services, the Moderator called the Association to order. The following visiting brethren were recognized and welcomed to seats: Rev. C. D. Graves and Rev. J. C. Sorrells, from the Green River Association.

The following report on the Ministerial Relief Fund was read by Rev. E. F. Tatum:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND.

Many of the pastors in our North Carolina State Convention have given the strength of their young manhood to preachnig the gospel, and have not received a support from the churches they served. Some of these faithful servants have come to want in their old age. These brethren have endured the heat and burden of the day, and seem willing to endure poverty in their old age, but the Convention felt that we owed them a debt of love.

A Board was selected to collect and distribute a relief fund. Many of the churches and individuals have showed their willingness to contribute to this fund, and several have been found who were very thankful to receive what had been thus provided for them.

We would recommend to each church of the Mitchell Association that one contribution be taken every year for the Ministerial Relief Fund.

SOLOMON YONCE,
J. C. BLALOCK,
Committee.

On motion, the above report was adopted.

On motion, W. H. Ollis was appointed as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The following report on the Baptist Orphanage was read by Solomon Yonce:

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

We regard the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville as one of the most important institutions fostered by our denomination, and is worthy of our prayers, sympathies, and liberal contributions. There are now about 160 children in this institution under the care of Bro. J. B. Boone. These children are to be fed, clothed and educated by the charities of the Baptist denomination.

Christ says, "The poor ye have with ye always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good." We insist that all the delegates and ministers, when they go home, see that their churches and Sunday-schools do more in the future than they have done in the past.

SOLOMON YONCE,
ISAAC GRINDSTAFF,
Committee.

Remarks by Solomon Yonce, W. H. Ollis, J. C. Blalock and E. R. Lewis. The report was adopted.

The report on Education was read by M. L. Wilson. The Association was then addressed on the report by M. L. Wilson, W. H. Ollis, P. J. Shell and E. H. Hicks.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education would be pleased to submit the following:

Seeing that the necessity of education is growing greater as time

goes, we would recommend that our people resort to every available source of instruction. Especially do we insist that our public schools be more largely patronized, and that our people be more careful and considerate in the selection of school officers and teachers, securing competent men to conduct the mental affairs of our land. In recommending the public schools, we would not disparage higher education, but would recommend Wake Forest College, one of the greatest in the South; also Bakersville Academy, located in our very midst.

M. L. WILSON,
E. H. HICKS,
Committee.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the brethren as committee to consider the propriety of purchasing the Toe River Academy, and report to this body at next Association: P. J. Shell, J. R. Greene and T. B. Vance.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 8.30 to-morrow. Prayer by C. D. Graves.

THIRD DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Spent thirty minutes in devotional exercises, conducted by J. C. Sorrells, who read and commented on first chapter 2 Corinthians. After which the Association was called to order.

On motion, the proceedings of the Sunday-school Convention were ordered to be printed in the Associational minutes.

The following report on Temperance was read by B. B. Riddle:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance submit the following:

We have made inquiry among the brethren relative to this subject, and find that there has been some good work done; that your county has a law prohibiting the sale of spirituous liquors, and that you have adopted resolutions in your body discouraging intemperance. Temperance is a Bible law, and its observance is necessary in making up Christian character, such as we need to do good. Therefore your committee urge the brethren of this Association to be more diligent in their endeavor to prosecute laws and resolutions in favor of temperance.

J. C. SPARKS,
B. B. RIDDLE,
Committee.

In the discussion of the report, speeches were made by B. B. Riddle, L. H. Greene and Wm. Buchanan. The report was then adopted.

The following report on Foreign Missions was read by J. C. Blalock:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The gift of God was on account of His love for a lost world. The command of Christ to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature was but the expression of the will of the Father. As we receive the love of God shed abroad in our hearts we must become a part of His plan to save a lost world. Your committee would recommend that this Association adopt some systematic plan by which collections may be taken and the money forwarded to our missionaries.

Respecfully submitted,

J. C. BLALOCK,
E. F. TATUM,
Committee.

In the discussion of the report, remarks were made by J. C. Blalock and E. F. Tatum.

On motion, suspended the rules and gave way for the 11 o'clock sermon, delivered by Rev. E. F. Tatum. Then took recess for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment. The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The following resolution was read by J. C. Blalock:

Resolved, That we think the Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary should ask the President, Dr. W. H. Whitsett, to resign. And that we, the Mitchell County Association, will not support or patronize the Seminary in any way until he does resign.

After the reading of the resolution a warm discussion followed, in which speeches were made by W. H. Hicks, J. C. Blalock, W. H. Ollis and C. D. Graves. The resolution was then adopted.

The following report on Periodicals was read by W. H. Hicks:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Almost every one may have access to the literary world now, and especially to the great field of religious literature, through the books and papers published by the Christian people of our country. As Baptist people we therefore insist upon our people patronizing our own works, even in music. As to religious books we will mention none but the Bible, the sun around which all others move like planets in the solar system. We recommend that all Baptists within the bounds of this Association read the Biblical Recorder, our State paper; also the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. GREENE,
ERVIN LEWIS,
W. H. HICKS,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The report on Pastoral Support was read by P. J. Shell, as follows:

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Your committee, seeing the need of a better system of raising the pastors' salary, and feeling that it is the duty of every member of the church to contribute something for the support of their pastor, we would advise the churches to adopt some plan by which every member may be required to pay something. We believe that if our pastors salaries were doubled, their time might be given wholly to the work, and great good be accomplished for our dear Master.

It is plainly taught in God's Word that we should give as the Lord doth prosper us, and they that preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

W. BUMGARNER,
Z. D. PYATT,
Committee.

Remarks by Wm. Buchanan and S. M. Greene. The report was then adopted.

The following report from the committee appointed to revise the names of ministers was read by J. Z. Singleton:

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following:

We find in the field labor twenty-three ordained ministers at work; also four doing comparatively nothing. We also find one licentiate at work, and four doing nothing. We would advise the churches to which they belong, if they fail to work during the next year, to call in their credentials; and we would advise the Association to drop their names as ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. SILVER,
J. Z. SINGLETON,
J. R. GREENE,
Z. D. PYATT,
D. J. ENGLISH,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

On motion to elect a missionary to labor in the destitution, the Association went into an election, which resulted in the election of J. W. Putman.

On motion, S. M. Greene. P. J. Shell and J. S. Poteet were appointed as a Missionary Board.

The following pledges were made for Home and Foreign Missions:

Aaron	$5 00	Grassy Creek	$5 00
Bear Creek	5 00	Lily Branch	2 00
Bakersville	5 00	Linville	1 00
Big Meadows	5 00	Little Rock Creek	3 00
Big Rock Creek	3 00	Mount Pleasant	5 00
Burleson's Chapel	2 00	Roaring Creek	2 00
Cane Creek	5 00	Roan Mountain	5 00
Elk Park	5 00	Yellow Mountain	5 00
Green Valley	3 00		

The following report on Obituaries was read by J. W. Putman:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to submit the following: We observe by reference to the minutes that during the Associational year of 1896 there were twenty-eight deaths from among the brotherhood of this Association. And from the digest of letters from the different churches we find that there have been twelve deaths during this Associational year. These, our brethren and sisters, have finished the work assigned them by the Master, and have been called to their reward. These reflections remind us that we too are mortal, and will soon be called to give an account of our stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. OLLIS,
J. W. PUTMAN,
Committee.

The report on Home and Associational Missions was read by W. H. Ollis, as follows:

HOME AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Seeing the deep need within our Association of the gospel for our destitute sections, to make worthy citizens and upright young men and women, we urge the churches of the Association to hold not less than one collection for State Missions during the coming year.

W. H. OLLIS,
J. W. PUTMAN,
C. D. GRAVES,
Committee.

On motion, the Historian has until our next Association to make his report.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We have received from the different churches for the printing and distribution of the Minutes, $20.51, all of which has been paid over to the Clerk.

R. M. YOUNG,
J. R. GREENE,
Committee.

The following resolution of thanks was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Association tender its sincere thanks to the brethren and sisters of Little Rock Creek Church for their kind hospitality during this session of the Mitchell County Association.

On motion, the Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that he have 400 copies printed, and that he be allowed $5 for his services.

On motion adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Sunday, Sept. 19th, 1897.

At 9 o'clock the Association met in Sunday-school mass meeting. Reading of the Scriptures and prayer by Rev. E. H. Hicks. The following report on Sabbath-schools was read by P. J. Shell:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

There are a great many important subjects brought up in the Association, but we believe the subject of Sunday-schools one of the most important before this Association. In the Sunday-school, properly managed, missions are taught and preached, and the people become more desirous to see the gospel carried to all the world. Let us urge upon fathers and mothers that while they have time and opportunity, they do all they can to sustain a Sunday-school all the year in their churches, and to take their children, if possible, every Sunday to the house of God, to study His Word.

P. J. SHELL,
J. W. DUNCAN,
Committee.

The report was discussed by E. H. Hicks, J. C. Sorrells and C. D. Graves with great earnestness and apparent good effect. The report was then adopted.

Then, on motion, took up a collection for the Orphanage, amounting to $4.00.

Then, after an intermissoin, re-assembled in the house. After singing, Rev. J. C. Sorrells preached an excellent sermon on the subject of Self-sacrifice in Missions—text, Nehemiah 1: 14; followed in an exhortation by Rev. W. H. Hicks, in which the brethren and sisters were made to rejoice and the unconverted to realize their lost condition.

Then, on motion, took up a collection for Foreign Missions, amounting to $5.11.

On motion, adjourned until time and place above named.

S. M. GREENE, Moderator.

D. W. GREENE, Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION,

HELD WITH

BEAR CREEK CHURCH,

AUGUST 13, 14 AND 15, 1897.

The Convention met at 10 o'clock a. m., August 13th, 1897. The Introductory Sermon was preached by D. A. Greene. Text, Luke 10: 19.

After the sermon, President N. Buchanan called the Convention to order. S. M. Greene and J. C. Blalock were chosen reading clerks, who read letters from fourteen Sunday-schools, and delegates' names enrolled as follows:

Burleson's Chapel.—J. Pucket.

Cub Creek.—W. G. Slagle, W. Canipe and John Sparks.

Snow Creek.—M. L. Wilson, J. C. Blalock and Jessie Blalock.

Chestnut Grove.—S. M. Collis and W. A. McKinney.

Bear Creek.—J. C. Young, S. A. Sparks, Buny Gonge and Davie Norman.

Bakersville.—L. H. Greene.

Roaring Creek.—S. A. Hughes.

Fork Mountain.—J. H. Childers.

Roan Mountain.—J. Z. Singleton, J. C. Wilson, Elmore Buchanan and Ester Buchanan.

Cane Creek.—M. B. Greene, D. A. Greene, Sabra Greene and Elmira Greene.

Big Rock Creek.—S. C. Gonge and David Simpson.

Lily Branch.—B. G. Willis and C. G. Willis.

Greene Valley.—J. R. Greene and J. H. Sheffield.

Yellow Mountain.—Robert Braswell.

On motion, J. C. Blalock was elected President; D. A. Greene, Vice-President, and J. Z. Singleton, Secretary. Then appointed committees as follows:

On Program.—S. M. Greene, L. H. Greene, J. C. Blalock and J. Z. Singleton.

On Preaching.—D. J. English, John Young and J. H. Childers.

On Finance.—S. A. Sparks and R. M. Young.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock p. m.

Met according to adjournment. After singing, David Simpson led in prayer. The Convention was then called to order.

On motion, called on the Committee on Program. The report was read by the Secretary, and, on motion, was adopted. Then after some talks by S. M. Greene, L. H. Greene, and others, the Convention adjourned, to meet to-morrow at 8 a. m.

SECOND DAY.

Saturday, Aug. 14th, 1897.

The Convention met at 8 a. m. S. M. Greene read the 100th division of the Psalms. Prayer by N. Buchanan.

The Convention was called to order by the Vice-President.

Then, on motion, the following committee was appointed to say where the next Convention be held, and who to preach the Introductory Sermon: L. H. Greene, S. C. Gonge, J. H. Childers, W. C. Greene and J. Z. Singleton.

Then, on motion, called for questions. The following questions were read and discussed:

1. Is it right to select a teacher who is not a member of the church ?
2. How much time should be given to Sunday-school talks ?
3. Do ministers have any scriptural authority for preaching recognition of friends in heaven ?

In the discussion of these questions, interesting talks were made by S. M. Greene, L. H. Greene, and others.

Then, on motion, called on Committee on Finance to report, who reported that they had received from the Sunday-schools $2.50 for printing minutes.

On motion, the Convention agreed to have its proceedings printed in the Associational minutes.

Then, on motion, took up the fourth question on the program: " Can a Sunday-school be run as successfully without lesson-helps as with them ?" Remarks by D. A. Greene.

Then, on motion, adjourned for the 11 o'clock sermon, which was delivered by L. H. Greene.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met at 2 o'clock p. m., and after singing, S. A. Hughes led in prayer.

The Committee on Time and Place for next Convention, report that the next Convention will be held with the Yellow Mountain Church, commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1898, and that Rev. S. M. Greene would preach the Introductory Sermon.

Then, on motion, took up the fifth question: " Should not the music teachers of Mitchell County have a singing convention?" Opened by S. M. Greene.

On motion, adjourned, to meet at 8.30 to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY.

Met according to adjournment. After devotional exercises, took up the fifth question on the program; and after remarks, it was agreed that the Music Teachers' Convention meet with Cane Creek chruch on Friday before the second Sunday in November, and that Elder S. M. Greene preach the Introductory Sermon.

On motion, adjourned for the 11 o'clock sermon.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this Convention tender our sincere thanks to the brethren and sisters of Bear Creek Church for their kind hospitality, manifested during this Convention.

J. C. BLALOCK, President.

J. Z. SINGLETON, Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

SCHOOL.	SUPERINTENDENT.	SECRETARY.	Number Teachers.	Number Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Contribution for Minutes.	Other Expenses.
Bear Creek	S. Sparks	S. A. Sparks	8		85	$0 80	$ 5 02
Burleson's Chapel	D. C. Hartly	J. H. Greene	4		50		
Big Rock Creek	D W. Buchanan	R. H. Bradshaw		72	45		8 75
Bakersville	J. S. Poteet	W. G. Poteet	8	128	68		21 01
Cub Creek	Moses Webb				45	10	5 00
Chestnut Grove	M. B. McKinney	S. M. Collis		40	30	50	1 10
Fork Mountain	J. H. Childres	H. R. Hughes	5	90	65	25	4 00
Green Valley	J. R. Greene	Johnson Bowman	6		55		8 00
Lily Branch	D. W. Greene	B. G. Willis	4	76	60		
Roaring Creek	S. A. Hughes	R. T. Lewis	4	96	73		2 64
Roan Mountain	J. T. Turbyfill	J. Z. Singleton	4		52		10 75
Snow Creek	I. N. Wilson	W. D. Wilson	4	53	37		2 83
Cane Creek	William Greene	L. W. Buchanan	4	102	82	55	8 75
Yellow Mountain	S. B. Braswell	Lottie Ollis	5	75	50		4 50

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Additions.			Dismissed.			Total Membership.	Contribution for Minutes.
			Baptized.	Letter.	Restored.	Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.		
Aaron	Solomon Yonce	C. S. Bumgarner	0	7	1	0	2	0	71	$ 0 85
Bear Creek	S. M. Greene	Milton Buchanan	26	6	4	1	6	2	218	1 55
Bakersville	L. H. Greene	M. D. Wilson	0	1	0	0	3	2	113	1 05
Big Meadows	P. J. Shell	Z. D. Pyatt	4	4	0	4	9	0	87	60
Big Crabtree	B. M. Hoyle	J. H. Willis	0	0	0	1	0	0	27	30
Big Rock Creek	J. W Putman	D. W. Buchanan	11	0	0	10	0	0	90	1 00
Black Mountain	J. C. Sparks	W. D. Long	0	0	0	13	2	2	72	75
Burleson's Chapel	Joseph Potter	N. A. Buchanan	4	3	9	1	6	1	84	90
Cub Creek	J. C. Sparks	Moses Webb	0	2	1	0	4	1	63	50
Cane Creek	S. M. Greene	C. H. Wise	0	1	0	4	4	0	140	85
Elk Park	J. W. Putman	A. C. Pritchard	1	0	5	2	1	1	65	50
Fork Mountain	L. H. Greene	Charles Slagle	6	2	0	6	1	0	133	1 05
Green Valley	L. H. Greene	J. A. Weatherman	0	0	0	0	1	3	75	50
Grassy Creek	L. H. Greene	S. G. Quinn	0	0	0	2	1	0	115	50
Jonas' Ridge	P. J. Shell	E. Bearer	0	1	0	0	0	0	25	30
Lily Branch	W. C. Parsons	D. W. Greene	0	0	0	1	2	1	96	60
Liberty Hill	J. R. Waycaster	Isaac Cox	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	25
Linville	P. J. Shell	J. A. Greene	1	2	0	0	1	0	25	75
Little Rock Creek	W. C. Parson	J. A. Buchanan	0	2	0	9	9	1	163	75
McKinney Cove	C. H. McKinney	R. E. Ellis	0	0	1	2	2	0	44	45
Mount Pleasant	E. Isaacs	B. H. Benfield	5	2	0	3	8	0	114	42
Mine Creek	S. M. Greene	R. M. Davis	3	2	1	14	0	0	135	65
Roaring Creek	D. A. Greene	Nathan Lewis	0	0	1	1	6	0	41	70
Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene	J. Z. Singleton	0	0	1	2	2	1	150	1 30
Silver Chapel	S. D. Tipton	W. J. Hensley	20	9	2	2	3	0	88	80
White Oak	J. C. Sparks	R. V. Wilson	0	0	1	8	0	0	45	90
Yellow Mountain	L. H. Greene	Stacy Goforth	9	0	0	1	4	0	119	1 10
Peper's Creek	B. M. Hoyle	J. M. Washburn	27	4	6	0	2	0	49	60

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

MITCHELL COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

AND

FORTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

Roan Mountain and Mitchell County Associations

(COMBINED),

HELD WITH THE

BEAR CREEK CHURCH, MITCHELL CO., N. C.

The next session will be held with Yellow Mountain Church, about fourteen miles east of Bakersville, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1899. Rev. Stephen Buchanan to preach the Introductory Sermon.

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S. W. Stamy, Altamont, N. C.
James Reid, Hughes, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

September 15, 1898.

The Mitchell County Baptist Association met this day in its fifteenth annual session with Bear Creek Baptist Church at 11 o'clock a. m.

After singing by the choir, the Introductory Sermon was preached by P. J. Shell, the appointee, using for his text I Timothy vi. 17, 18.

After the sermon and some remarks by the Moderator, then took recess of 10 minutes.

At the voice of singing, the delegates reassembled in the house.

After prayer by W. H. Hicks, the Moderator announced the Association ready for business. The Moderator then appointed P. J. Shell and J. C. Bowman Reading Clerks, who read church letters from 27 churches.

The time of the officers having now expired, the Association proceeded to ballot for Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the election of S. M. Greene Moderator and D. W. Greene Clerk.

On motion, the Moderator invited correspondents and visiting brethren from other Associations. From French Broad Association received Bros. T. M. Honeycutt and S. W. Hall: from Watauga Association, Bro. W. H. Hicks. Also received Bro. P. C. Duncan as a visitor from Navarro County Association of Texas.

The usual committees were then appointed by the Moderator as follows:

On Arrangements.—P. J. Shell, L. H. Greene, J. W. Duncan, J. R. Greene, J. C. Sparks, with Moderator and Clerk.

On Preaching.—H. T. Wilson, James Davis, with the officers of Bear Creek Church.

On Education.—J. C. Bowman and S. W. Hall.

On State and Home Missions.—Isaac Grindstaff, T. M. Honeycutt and T. B. Reid.

On Foreign Missions.—P. J. Shell and W. H. Hicks.

On Temperance.—J. C. Blalock and J. C. Sparks.

On Periodicals.—L. H. Greene and T. M. Honeycutt.

On Orphanage.—B. M. Hoyle and S. W. Hall.

On Finance.—P. C. Duncan and P. M. Wilson.

On Obituaries.—M. D. Wilson and D. P. Chandler.

On Sabbath Schools.—J. Z. Singleton and J. R. Boone.

On Pastoral Support..—J. R. Pritchard and J. A. Buchanan.

On Time and Place of Next Association.—L. H. Greene, N. A. Buchanan and Stephen Buchanan

On Queries.—J. W. Duncan, H. T. Wilson and T. M. Honeycutt.

On motion the Committee on Arrangements will meet at 4 o'clock p. m. to arrange the programme.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at 8.30 to-morrow morning.. Prayer by Bro. T. M. Honeycutt.

SECOND DAY.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment yesterday.

The devotional exercises were conducted by T. M. Honeycutt, who read and commented on the 34th Psalm.

On motion. the Clerk called the roll and marked absentees, also read and corrected Minutes of yesterday.

On motion, the Report on Education is, by special order, to come up at 10 o'clock a. m. Saturday.

On motion, called on our missionary, J. W. Putman, to make his report, who also made his report verbally, and, on motion, the report was received.

The Committee on Time and Place of next Association report that next session be held with Yellow Mountain Church. and that Elder Stephen Buchanan preach the Introductory Sermon, and that J. C. Sparks be his alternate.

On motion. the Report on Foreign Missions is, by special order, to be taken up immediately after noon.

The Report on State and Home Missions was read by T. M. Honeycutt, and, after an interesting speech by T. M. Honeycutt, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE AND HOME MISSIONS.

State Missions means the missions of the Baptist State Convention, which embraces all the State of North Carolina except that portion of Western North Carolina occupied by the Western North Carolina Convention. The object of the Convention is to supply every community in North Carolina with the gospel as understood and preached by the Baptists. To accomplish this our Convention has more than one hundred missionaries laboring in the destitute sections of our beloved State. For their support our churches raise $15,000 annually. Your Committee is of the opinion that State Missions mean more to the Lord's work and the Baptist cause in North Carolina than almost any other agency employed by the denomination. State Missions are at the bottom of all our other mission enterprises. Under God our cause has been established in most of the towns in the State, and in many destitute neighborhoods by the Baptist State Convention.

The Mitchell County Association ought to realize her place in this great work. There is much to be done at home—in the bounds of this Association. The churches need developing and the destitutions ought to be supplied with preaching.

Brethren, do we realize the solemn fact that there are perhaps more than five thousand unconverted souls in Mitchell County? Ought not this thought to arouse every member of this Association to more faithful work than we have ever done before? Your Committee recommend this Association to appoint an Executive Board, whose business shall be to take charge of the mission work in this Association and cooperate with the Board of the Baptist State Convention in this work.

ISAAC GRINDSTAFF,
T. M. HONEYCUTT,
Committee.

The time having arrived for the 11 o'clock sermon, business was suspended, and the Association took a recess of 10 minutes. After singing by the choir, Brother Hall preached an impressive sermon from Matthew xxviii. 18, 19.

At the conclusion of the services, then the Association took recess for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by the Moderator.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by P. J. Shell, and, after speeches by T. L. Blalock, T. M. Honeycutt and S. W. Hall, the report was then adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following:

Nearly one thousand nine hundred years ago the command was given, "Go ye into al the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and never was there a time in the history of Christianity that this command was more binding than it is upon the churches of this age. And in obedience to this command the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845, which has grown until they now have under appointment 80 missionaries on the various fields.

Not only this, but in 1893 God, in His own way, thrust forth into the field 12 missionaries, depending directly on the churches of the South for support. And this number has grown, until now they have 22 missionaries.

And we would say, brethren, let us try to do more for missions, as God has done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

P. J. SHELL,
W. H. HICKS,
Committee.

L. H. Greene introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved. That the ministers of this Association be earnestly requested to make a full report to the historian of this Association at each session of all their work done during the year, and that the historian be requested to report at each session of this Association.

L. H. GREENE.

On motion, the query from Fork Mountain Church was tabled, as it was unauthorized by the church and not signed by the writer.

On motion, J. R. Greene, J. C. Bowman and J. Z. Singleton were appointed as a Missionary Board, whose business is to employ a missionary to labor in the destitute places.

On motion, adjourned till 8.30 to-morrow morning. Prayer by P. J. Shell.

THIRD DAY.

September 17, 1898.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The devotional exercises were conducted by W. H. Hicks.

On motion, the next fifth Sunday meeting, which is to be in October, be held with the church at White Oak, and that J. W. Duncan preach the Introductory Sermon.

On motion, took up the report on Pastoral Support, which was left open from yesterday. The report was discussed by T. L. Blalock, W. H. Hicks, J. C. Bowman and T. M. Honeycutt.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

We, your Committee on Pastoral Support, submit the following: We believe our pastors should have a liberal support, and from the reading of our church letters we find that there is a great failure on the part of the churches in regard to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PRITCHARD,
J. A. BUCHANAN,
Committee.

The following Report on Periodicals was read by T. M. Honeycutt:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The newspaper is one of the most powerful educators in any line or avocation of life. The farmer, the teacher, or man of any other profession, who is wide-awake, is sure to read the periodicals of the day, and those who do not, need not wait a year to get behind, they are already behind.

As in the secular, so in the religious world. We should not only read the Bible, but two or three of the best religious papers of the day. They are indispensable to our success. By reading good religious papers, we come in contact with our brethren who are in other fields, and often seeing their labors and sacrifices, and also their success, we are encouraged to go forward. A newspaper is an organizer as well as an educator. We need more and better organization. Our mission work especially demands it. With thorough organization, we can successfully prosecute the work inaugurated by our fathers. We recommend the Biblical Recorder, the Foreign Mission Journal, and the Missionary Helper to our people.

L. H. GREENE,
T. M. HONEYCUTT,
Committee.

The following Report on Education was submitted by J. C. Bowman:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Believing in the Word of God, that we are created in His image, having all the faculties and attributes (in a limited sense) like God, only man being powerful, God omnipotent; man being present, God omnipresent; man being wise, God omniscient; believing that man's happiness, which is God's glory, depends upon the degree of his knowledge, and the extent of his attainments, we, therefore, are in favor of education to the greatest extent which the possibilities and circumstances will warrant. Not an education which claims the possession of knowledge only, but an education which helps us to make the most of life; an education which helps us to understand the needs of our brother, our fellow-man; an education which prompts us to strive to soothe the sorrow, heal the wounds, and cure the ills of the distressed wherever to be found. An education which stimulates our energies and puts our muscles in scientific or skilled action, and our brains to trained thinking.

We feel, we trust, a reverential pride, to know that the Baptist people have within the last twenty years, by the help of God, surmounted many obstacles, having outgrown the stigma of "old ignorant Baptist" and a great many other such phrases of reflection.

While we feel our people have made marvelous improvement in general education, and especially in Christian education, and more especially, the science of music, we hope and recommend that our people will make a still greater effort to select good Christian teachers. Also, we recommend that we give special attention to our public schools, which are in reach of all. We recommend the patronage of our home schools so long as they meet our demands, using all our energies to equip them, so that the demands shall be met.

To those desiring a more advanced school than our country schools, we recommend Mars Hill and Wake Forest colleges.

J. C. BOWMAN,
S. W. HALL,
Committee.

The Association was addressed by S. W. Hall and J. C. Bowman, after which the report was then adopted.

The following resolution was introduced by J. R. Greene and, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association recommend that our County School Board of Education make no changes in district lines, or cut up districts to the advantage of any religious denomination.

The time having arrived for the 11 o'clock sermon, a motion was carried to adjourn to the stand to hear a sermon from Elder T. M. Honeycutt, who preached an excellent sermon from Romans ix. 3.

At the conclusion of the services took up a colection of $11.74 for T. L. Blalock, our missionary to China. Then the Association took recess for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

On motion, the Trustees of Toe River Academy are retained for the ensuing year.

On motion, the Moderator is authorized and instructed to appoint seven trustees for the Bowman Academy at Bakersville, whose business shall be to solicit subscriptions and procure means to finish up the building.

The Moderator then proceeded to appoint the following named brethren: Rev. L. H. Greene (Chairman), J. C. Randolph, D. W. Greene, Coleman Pannal, R. M. Davis, D. J. English and William Greene.

S. W. Hall read the Report on the Baptist Orphanage, as follows:

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Our Baptist Orphanage is located at Thomasville, N. C. We have there now about one hundred and eighty-four children, who are being educated and trained for the responsibilities and duties of life. We have sixteen buildings and a farm of 314 acres. The boys and girls are taught to work, so they can earn a living for themselves and be useful in life. The children have excellent religious advantages. The institution is dependent on our churches, Sunday Schools and individuals for support. Doubtless there is no department of our work that appeals to us with greater force, for our prayers, sympathies and liberal contributions.

We therefore recommend that our churches take at least one collection a year, and that our Sunday Schools take collections quarterly for this work. We also recommend Charity and Children, a paper published by the institution, at $1 a year.

Respectfully submitted,

B. M. HOYLE,
S. W. HALL,
Committee.

The report was discussed by S. W. Hall. Then took up a collection for the Orphanage amounting to $5.02. Also, subscriptions for Charity and Children of $2.35.

The Report on Finance was read by P. C. Duncan as follows:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following:

We have received from the different churches minute funds amounting to $19.77; also, from the Sunday School Convention $5.26. Total, $25.03. All of which has been turned over to the Clerk of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. DUNCAN,
P. M. WILSON,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The following Report on Temperance was submitted by J. C. Blalock:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is the greatest enemy of the church, home and State. It fills prisons with criminals, almshouses with paupers, hospitals with disease, accidents and death, and follows these to the graveyard at the public expense.

It haunts the public highway, defies dwellings; it fills liquor dens with broils, consumes the time of courts, and draws from the county treasury the hard earnings of toil. Strong drink, by whatever name the demon is styled, in whatever way it presents itself, prevents our success. There are 27,000 county prisons, 55 penitentiaries in the United States, and 75 per cent of all the prisoners attribute their downfall to intemperance. There are reported to-day to be 2,500,000 drunkards. In view of the blood shed by the evil of intemperance, and the tears of widows, and cries of the drunkard's child, brethren and sisters how can we keep silent? How can we, as His professed followers, expect to meet God in judgment and hear that "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BLALOCK,
J. C. SPARKS,
Committee.

The report was discussed by J. C. Blalock and W. H. Hicks.

The report was adopted.

The Report on Sabbath Schools was read by J. Z. Singleton and, on motion, the discussion of the report was left open till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Report of the Historian was read by J. W. Putman and, on motion, was adopted.

On motion J. W. Putman was reappointed Historian for the ensuing year.

On motion, J. C. Blalock is appointed a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention at Louisville, Ky.

On motion, the Clerk is directed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and that he have $5 for his services.

The following resolution of thanks was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, the Mitchell County Association, tender our sincere thanks to the brethren and sisters of Bear Creek Church, and the community in general for their hospitality and kindness during this session of the Association.

The following is the Report on Obituaries, which was adopted without remarks:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, find that during the past year some of our brethren and sisters have passed from time to eternity. This only reminds us that we, too, must soon pass over the River into the far beyond—there to spend all eternity with those departed ones. But we should not mourn dear friends or shake at death's alarm, for it is but the voice of Jesus to call us to His arms.

M. D. WILSON,
D. P. CHANDLER.
Committee.

The following resolution was submitted by L. H. Greene:

Resolved, That this Association omit reading the letters from the different churches, and that they be referred to a Committee on Digest of Letters, and that they be required to report the same in a condensed form.

After some remarks by the Moderator the resolution was adopted.

J. C. Blalock submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Moderator at this session of the Association appoint the Chairmen of the different committees for the next Association, and that they be expected to prepare and read the reports at next Association.

The resolution was adopted, and the Moderator proceeded to appoint as follows:

On Education.—J. C. Bowman.
On State Missions.—L. H. Greene.
On Foreign Missions.—W. H. Ollis.
On Temperance.—D. A. Greene.
On Periodicals.—P. J. Shell.
On Orphanage.—J. C. Blalock.
On Obituaries.—J. C. Sparks.
On Pastoral Support —J. R. Greene.
On Sunday Schools.—J. W. Putman.

On motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Sunday, September 18, 1898.

The Association met according to adjournment. Spent 30 minutes in devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator, who read and commented on the 66th Psalm; after which took up the Report on Sunday Schools, which was left open from yesterday.

The Moderator reread the report on Sunday Schools as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following:

Among the questions brought up in the Association, we think there is no one of more importance than that of the Sabbath Schools. In view of the great importance of the work, we would urge every pastor, superintendent and teacher of the Sabbath Schools to encourage this great work; also, to teach the children to give of their means to help support the Orphanage, Foreign Missions, etc. We would also urge every Sabbath School to be represented in our next Sabbath School Convention, and to send up a full report.

J. Z. SINGLETON,
J. B. BOON,
Committee.

On motion, it is ordered that the proceedings of the last Sabbath School Convention be published with the Associational Minutes.

REPORT OF CLERK.

Received from the Finance Comittee last year, - - - - -		$20.51
From the Sunday School Convention, - - - - - - - -		2.50
Paid for Minutes and postage on the same, - - - - -	$16.25	
For Clerk's services, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	5.00	
	21.25	23.01

Balance on hand, $1.76.

On motion, adjourned to the stand for the 11 o'clock sermon, which was preached by Rev. W. H. Hicks to a large and attentive congregation. And at the conclusion of the services, at the request of the Moderator, took up a collection for Brother Hicks of $5.85.

On motion, adjourned until time and place above named.

Thus ended a very pleasant session of the Mitchell County Association.

REV. S. M. GREENE, Moderator.

D. W. GREENE, Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE

Churches.	Superintendents.	Secretaries	Number Teachers.	Number Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Contribution for Minutes.	Other Expenses
Burleson's Chapel	J. A. Grindstaff	J. H. Greene	0		45	$0.21	$3.20
Black Mountain	Wm. Staton	G. M. Byrd	5	60	40	.40	3.14
Bakersville	J. S. Poteet	W. G Poteet	6	128	65	.75	20.09
Chestnut Grove	M. B. McKinney	S Sparks	0	35	25	0	
Bear Creek	John Willis	S. A. Sparks	10		94	1.05	25.00
Cub Creek	Moses Webb	J. M. Slagle	0		73	.25	
Yellow Mountain	David Gaddy	J. D. Braswell	4	100	18	.30	
Fork Mountain	J. H. Childress	H. R. Hughes	7		100	.60	8.73
Liberty Hill	Isaac Cox	M. Bartlett	4	54	45	.20	1.39
White Oak	I. N. Wilson	Robt. Wilson	5	60	45	.50	3.50
Green Valley	James Weatherman	J. Sheffield	4		35	.25	8.00
Roaring Creek	Wm. Gardener	R. T. Lewis	6	105	66	.25	2.10
Willow Grove	E. M. Johnson	R. M. Vance	5		50	0	
Roan Mountain	R. M. Wilson	J. Z. Singleton	4		58	.50	10.50
Cane Creek	Wm. Greene	A. E. Buchanan	7	122	90	.50	18.33
Aaron	S. L. Franklin		8	50	30		12.10
Little Rock Creek	J. A. Buchanan	C. Freeman			82		9.60
Lily Branch	D. W. Greene	B. G. Willis	3	75	60	0	2.50

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches	Pastors.	Clerks.	Added.			Dismissed.			Total Membership.	Minute Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Other Expenses.
			Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.					
Aaron	Solomon Younce	C. P. Braswell	1	7	1	8	0	1	61	$0.70	0	$2.00	$10.00
Bear Creek	S. M. Greene	Milton Buchanan	18	2	7	13	4	1	227	1.90	0	11.82	0
Bakersville	L. H. Greene	M. D. Wilson	12	7	1	5	1	1	111	1.00	0	1.00	50.00
Big Meadows	P. J. Shell	Z. D. Pyatt	2	0	0	6	2	0	80	.40	0	0	0
Big Crabtree	J. R. Waycaster	J. D. Tolley	3	1	4	3	1	0	31	.50	0	0	0
Big Rock Creek	L. H. Greene	D. W. Buchanan	9	0	0	0	0	1	80	0	0	0	0
Black Mountain	J. C. Sparks	J. M. Queen	7	1	0	4	1	1	69	.50	0	0	0
Burleson's Chapel	P. J. Shell	J. A. Grindstaff	2	1	0	0	15	1	65	.65	0	0	7.00
Cub Creek	I. Grindstaff	Moses Webb	0	5	1	1	3	2	65	.25	0	0	0
Cane Creek	S. M. Greene	C. H. Wise	29	10	12	4	3	1	190	1.20	0	0	46.00
Elk Park	E. H Yankee	J. S. Hill	3	3	2	4	5	1	70	.80	0	0	100.00
Fork Mountain	L. H. Greene	Charles Slagle	13	0	0	4	4	0	142	.90	0	0	30.00
Green Valley	P. J. Shell	J. A. Weatherman	2	0	0	2	2	0	70	.90	0	2.00	36.00
Jonas Ridge	T. M. Reid	Eddie Beaier	3	1	0	0	0	1	27	.50	0	0	0
Lily Branch	S. D. Tipton	D. W. Greene	22	4	7	7	1	0	132	.82	0	0	25.00
Liberty Hill	J. R. Waycaster	Isaac Cox	6	4	2	0	0	0	28	.45	0	0	0
Linville	T. M. Reid	J. A. Greene	1	6	0	0	2	1	35	.75	1.00	0	0
Little Rock Creek	S. M. Greene	J. A. Buchanan	0	2	6	8	7	2	154	1.65	0	0	45.00
McKinney Cove	J. C. Sparks	R. E. Ellis	0	0	0	2	0	0	41	.35	0	0	0
Mount Pleasant	T. M. Reid	B. H. Benfield	6	6	1	0	0	1	123	.50	0	0	0
Mine Creek	S. M. Greene	R. M. Davis	7	3	0	9	5	1	126	.50	0	0	0
Roaring Creek	D. A. Greene	Nathan Lewis	0	0	4	0	0	0	45	.50	0	0	0
Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene	J. Z. Singleton	0	0	3	8	0	0	143	1.50	0	0	36.00
Silver Chapel	S. D. Tipton	Wm. J. Hensley	6	9	1	7	5	1	95	.68	0	0	10.20
White Oak	J. W. Duncan	Robt. Wilson	16	7	1	0	1	1	65	.55	0	0	0
Yellow Mountain	L. H. Greene	S. W. Goforth	13	3	0	1	5	1	114	1.10	0	0	36.00
Chestnut Grove	B. M. Hoyle	M. B. McKinney	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	.45	0	0	0
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION,

HELD WITH

YELLOW MOUNTAIN CHURCH,

AUGUST 19, 20 AND 21, 1898.

FIRST DAY.

August 19.

The Convention met to day according to appointment.

On motion, W. H. Ollis was chosen President pro tem., and W. A. Buchanan Secretary pro tem.

Rev. S. M. Greene, who was to preach the Introductory Sermon, being too late for the hour appointed, it was, by motion, postponed until Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m.

Then, after some talks by J. C. Blalock, L. H. Greene and others, the Convention adjourned to meet on Saturday at 9 o'clock a. m.

SECOND DAY.

Saturday, August 20, 1898.

The Convention met according to adjournment. The opening exercises were conducted by the President, who read the 75th Psalm. Prayer was offered by L. H. Greene.

Then, on motion, Rev. S. M. Greene was elected President, James Weatherman, Vice-President, and Ancil Randolph, Secretary.

The President then appointed the following Committees:

On Programme.—L. H. Greene, W. H. Ollis, J. C. Blalock, J. Z. Singleton and S. M. Collis.

On Preaching.—Russell Burleson, Slight Braswell and Stephen Buchanan.

On Finance.—Isaac Cox.

A. F. McKinney and Ancil Randolph were chosen Reading Clerks, who read the letters from the different churches.

The following is a list of the delegates:

Fork Mountain.—David McKinney, Harrison Hughes and L. Gibbs.

Black Mountain.—G. M. Byrd and J. M. Queen.

Roaring Creek.—S. A. Hughes and R. T. Lewis.

Willow Grove.—M. C. Johnson, Hettie Johnson, E. M. Johnson and Nora Johnson.

Burleson's Chapel.—Leonard Ollis, Martha Buchanan and Martha Greer.

Chestnut Grove.—S. M. Collis.

Cub Creek.—William Canipe and D. C. Slagle.

Liberty Hill.—George Woody and Isaac Cox.

Green Valley.—James Weatherman, A.E. Helton and Lura Helton.

Roan Mountain.—Rev. S. M. Greene, Rev. W. S. Buchanan and J. Z. Singleton.

Bakersville.—Rev. L. H. Greene, W. A. Buchanan and Johnson Wilson.

Bear Creek.—D. J. English, A. W. Buchanan, Starlin Sparks, Alice Sparks and Laf. English.

White Oak.—A. F. McKinney, Robert Wilson, Daisy Wilson and Lidia McKinney.

Yellow Mountain.—Ada Buchanan, Clayton Buchanan and John Braswell.

On motion, called on the Committee on Programme to report, which was read as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME.

(1.) Is Sabbath School work progressing as it should be?
(2.) Is the work against intemperance prosecuted as vigorously as it should be?
(3.) Is it necessary to hold Sabbath School Institutes?
(4.) How can we better interest the people in Sabbath School work?
(5.) How often should the Sunday School take collections for missions?
(6.) How much time should be required in going through the Sunday School lesson?

In the discussion of these questions interesting talks were made by S. S. Hughes, J. Z. Singleton, S. M. Greene, L. H. Greene, S. M. Collis, and others.

On motion, the Convention agreed to have its proceedings printed in the Associational Minutes.

Then, on motion, adjourned for the 11 o'clock sermon, which was preached by Rev. S. M. Greene.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met at 2.30. After singing by the choir, prayer was offered by S. S. Hughes.

On motion, the Committee on Finance was called on to report.

The report was as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

For printing of our Minutes,	$5.26
For Home Missions,	1.00
For Foreign Missions,	1.75

At 3.30 o'clock Rev. J. C. Blalock preached an impressive and interesting sermon; then, after some interesting talks were made in behalf of Sunday Schools, the Convention adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow.

THIRD DAY.

Sunday, August 21, 1898.

The Convention met at the hour appointed. After singing, the President read the 133d and 134th divisions of the Psalms. Prayer by J. C. Blalock.

The Committee on Time and Place for next Convention report that next Convention will be held with the Liberty Hill Church, commencing on Friday before fifth Sunday in July, 1899, and that L. H. Greene preach the Introductory Sermon.

Then, on motion, adjourned for the 11 o'clock sermon, which was delivered by Rev. S. M. Greene from Daniel ii. 22.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this Convention tender its sincere thanks to the brethren and sisters of Yellow Mountain Church for their kind hospitality during this session.

S. M. GREENE, President.

ANCIL RANDOLPH, Secretary.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

—OF THE—

Mitchell County Baptist Association

—AND THE—

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

—OF THE—

Roan Mountain & Mitchell County ASSOCIATIONS,

(COMBINED.)

—HELD WITH—

YELLOW MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH,

Sept. 14, 15, 16, 1899.

Next Session will be held with Bakersville Church, beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in Sept. 1900. Rev. S. M. Greene to preach the Introductory sermon and P. J. Shell, alternate.

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D. W. Green, Clerk,..... Ledger, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Putman, Historian,...Magnetic City, N. C.
J. S. Poteet, Treasurer,..... Bakersville, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

L H Green,..... ..... Bakersville, N. C.
J C Sparks,..... " "
C H McKinney,..... " "
B. M. Hoyle,..... Estatoe, "
J R Boon,..... " "
S M Green,..... Clarrissia, "
W S Buchanan,..... " "
D A Green,..... " "
J W Duncan,..... ..... Ledger, "
J C Blalock, ... " "
E Isaacs, ... Hughes, "
T M Reid, ... " "
E M Johnson, ... " "
J C Thomas, ... Bandana, "
D A Gouge,..... " "
E Buchanan,..... Bakersville, "
I Grindstaff,..... " "
R S Hayes, ... Linville, "
P J Shell,..... " "
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E A Stamey,..... " "
W G Buchanan,..... Elk Park, "
J R Waycaster,..... Estatoe, "
J W Puttman, ... Magnetic City, "
S A Hughes, ... Valley, "
Wm. Mace,..... Elsie, "

LICENTIATES.

Isaac McKinney,..... Bandana, N. C.
L Burleson, ... " "
Wesley Stamey, ... Plum Tree, "
James Reid,..... ..... Hughes, "

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY.—Opening Session.

The Mitchell County Baptist Association met today in its sixteenth annual session with Yellow Mountain church at 10:30 a. m.

Opening song—"Meet me there." Praise services conducted by W. H. Hicks. Prayer for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to lead us in all the deliberations of the body during the session; led by N. L. Shaw. Then the introductory sermon preached by T. M. Honeycutt, using for his text Isiah 40th chapt., and 31 verse.

At the conclusion of the services the Moderator made some appropriate remarks, and the Association took recess for 10 minutes.

At the voice of singing the delegates reassembled in the house. The Association was then called to order by the Moderator.

Then proceeded to the organization of the body which resulted in the election of S. M. Green as moderator and D. W. Greene clerk.

The usual committees were then announced by the Moderator as follows:

On Education.—J. C. Bowman, T. M. Honeycutt and S. J. Turner.

State Missions.—L. H. Greene and A. E. Brown.

Foreign Missions.—W. H. Ollis, M. P. Matheny and N. L. Shaw.

Temperance.—D. A. Greene, W. H. Hicks and J. C. Blalock.

Periodicals.—P. J. Shell, J. W. Watson and W. S. Buchanan.

Orphanage.—J. C. Blalock and N. L. Shaw.

Obituaries.—J. C. Sparks, J. W. Putman and John Norris.

Pastoral Support.—J. R. Greene, T. M. Honeycutt and Jordan Cook.

Sabbath Schools.—J. W. Putman, J. R. Pritchard and E. Buchanan.

Finance.—J. R. Greene and Isaac Grindstaff.

Preaching.—W. H. Ollis, Russel Buchanan, Aaron Burleson, with delegates of Yellow Mt. Church.

On motion to appoint a committee on digest of letters, the moderator appointed the following: D. W. Greene, J. W. Putman and P. J. Shell.

On motion the moderator appointed J. W. Putman and P. J. Shell as a committee to assist the clerk in revising the names and post offices of the Ministers of the Association.

On motion to appoint a committee on nominations, the following were appointed: S. J. Turner, W. G. Buchanan and L. H. Greene.

On motion the moderator invited correspondents and visiting brethren from other Associations.

Correspondents and Visitors.

French Broad Association:—Rev. T. M. Honeycutt.

Holston Association, Tenn:—J. W. Watson.

A. C. Hardin, visitor from Yancy county Association.

Three Forks Association.—John Norris, Geo. Brown and J. W. Trivett.

Watauga Association:—W. H. Hicks.

Buncombe county Association:—M. P. Matheny representing the "Southern Baptist."

N. L. Shaw representing the "Biblical Recorder and A. E. Brown representing the claims of the State Mission Board.

On motion, the Association adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Sept. 15th 1899.

The Association re-assembled at 9 o'clock. Spent 30 minutes in devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator. The association was then called to order. On motion the proceedings of yesterday were read and after making some corrections was adopted. On motion called for newly constituted churches. Received none. On motion the clerk called the roll and marked the absentees.

Enrollment of Churches and Delegates.

Aaron.—A. J. Taylor, S. L. Franklin and Robt. V. Key.

Bear Creek.—Rev. J. C. Blalock, D. J. English.

Black Mountain.—G. R. Dale, Reed Queen.

Burleson's Chapel.—Wm. Buchanan, T. W. Buchanan, A. A. Burleson, B. A. Ollis and N. A. Buchanan.

Big Meadows.—Wm. Vance, J. A. Dison, and Jiles Caloway.

Big Crabteee—J. H. Willis.

Bakersville.—Rev. L. H. Greene, S. J. Turner, and E. Buchanan.

Big Rock Creek.—Rev. J. W. Putman, S. C. Gouge and L. Buchanan.

Cane Creek.—Wm. Greene, D. A. Greene, Wm. Ward, Robt. Buchanan, S. P. Greene, C. H. Wise and A. E. Buchanan.

Elk Park.—Rev. W. G. Buchanan, N. P. Oaks, A. C. Pritchard and J. R. Pritchard.

Fork Mountain.—D. M Cook.
Grassy Creek.—S. W. Hollyfield. H. W. McKinney.
Lily Branch.—D. W. Greene, J. J. Murdach.
Liberty Hill.—W. A. McKinney.
Green Valley —J. R. Green and J. E. Mace.
Little Rock Creek.—A. Buchanan, H. B. Buchanan, J. C. Randolph, Wm. Burleson, John Randolph and Robt. Ellis.
Pepper's Creek.—J. M. Washburn.
Mine Creek.—Rev. I. Grindstaff, Jas. Davis, Isaac McKinney.
Silver Chapel.—Robt. McNeill, L. Burleson, John Howell, Wm. Howell, Garret Gouge.
Roaring Creek.—Nathan Lewis, Samuel McKinney, Jeremiah Pritchard.
Mt. Pleasant.—Rev. E. Isaacs, T. M Reed, Jason Hughes, Edmond Johnson, Philo Pritchard, Russel Burleson, B. N. Benfield, Jas. Reed.
Linville.—Jordan Cook, P. J. Shell, J. L Thompson.
McKinney Cove.—Adam Buchanan.
Yellow Mountain.—Rev. W. H. Ollis, John Houston, Geo. Buchanan' Lewis Buchanan.
White Oak—R B McKinney, John Wilson, Jeff Buchanan.
Jonas' Ridge—L C Shell.
Roan Mountain—S M Greene, W S Buchanan, J Z Singleton.
Chestnut Grove—Neither letter or delegate
On motion, the next session of the Mitchell county Association will convene with Bakersville church, and that S M Greene preach the introductory sermon, and that P J Snell be his alternate
On motion to appoint a committee to answer queries, the moderator appointed N L Shaw and W H Hicks.
A E Brown will preach in the church at 11 today, and J W Watson will preach in the academy at the same hour. W H Hicks will preach in the academy at half past two this evening.
The report on the Orphanage was read by N L Shaw and after interesting talks from J C Blalock and N L shaw the report was adopted.

Report on Orphanage.

Possibly we have a "Thus saith the Lord" for the purest and best theology, and as to the paraphernalia of of religion we are well and favorably equipt, but one of the important duties of the hour is practical christianity. The wonderful description of the judgement as given in the 25 chapter of Mathew, and the awful

doom pronounced on those who did it not should be a solemn warning to us, and stimulate us to be more active in relieving the distress calls as it comes from God and stricken homes from all parts of the State. Made so by the loss of parents. We praise God that the Baptist were the first to advocate an orphanage in N. C. and moved by the spirit of Christ the orphanage association was organized some fifteen years ago and a home built. During these years between five and six hundred orphans have been visited, gathered together and provided for, both physically, mentally and spiritually. There are now very near 200 orphans present, but there are untold numbers yet unprovided for who are pleading to us in pathetic notes which cannot be disregarded, and the demand is pressing on us to increase our contributions, so as to enlarge our facilities. We are thankfuf that the support of the Orphanage is by voluntary contributions, and we hope it will be so. The general manager's home has been built and paid for in the last year. Other improvements are in contemplation and we expect in the near future to have in every respect the best equiped orphanage in the South. Some noble friends of the Orphanage have fallen by the way. One of the greatest and noblest of them all was our brother Jack Mills, the founder of the Orphanage work in N. C. and he and many others have erected their own monuments and are enshrined in the hearts and affections of the people in the State without regard to denomination, and the spirit which prompted them has been infused and will linger so long as the spirit of the Master exists, or there are orphan children to be cared for. We reccomend and urge that at least one collection a year be taken in each of our churches and Sunday Schools for the Orphanage.

The paper, Charity & Children, is in every respect first class and worthy of a place in every home, and we most heartily reccomend it to the brethren and Sunday Schools. It represents the Orphanage at the small sum of $1.00 a year and sixty cents in clubs of ten and is worthy of support. Respectfully Submitted,

J. C. Blalock and N. L. Shaw, Com.

On motion, took up a collection for the Orphanage which amounted to $12.06.

The report on State and Home Missions was read by A. E. Brown, and on motion the discussion of the report was deferred till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

The hour having arrived for the 11 o'clock sermon, business was suspended, and after singing led by the choir, Bro. A. E. Brown preached an impressive sermon

from 1st Thessalonians 2 chap. and 4th verse. "But as wewere allowed of God to put in trust with the gospel even so we speak."

At the conclusion of the sermon the Moderator made some remarks about the missionary work in Cuba, and and then on motion took up collection for the work in Cuba which amounted to $7.78. Then on motion took recess for one hour.

Evening Session.

The Association met according to adjournment. After singing the house was called to order by the moderator. The report on Foreign Missions was read by W. H. Ollis, the report was then discussed by M. P. Matheny and T M. Honeycutt and adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Giving the gospel to the world is the great and all important business of the churches of Christ. In carrying our Lord's last and greatest command they are alone responsible to Him and must therefore answer to Him for what they do in this work and the way in which they do it. There are two methods in use among Southern Baptists; one known as the Board plan and the other as the Gospel Mission plan. Your committee believe that it is the business of this body to give information on these two plans without advice and leave the churches to decide for themselves which plan they will adopt. The Board plan among Southern Baptists began in 1845 and now has 78 missionaries, and raised and expended last year in round numbers $110,000 with some 800 converts. The Gospel Mission movement began in 1892 and now has 28 Missionaries, and expended a little less than $1[illegible].000 with two churches organized and a number of converts reported. The great question for our churches to consider is what the Lord would have them to do. Don't waste time on methods but send the gospel to the heathen at once in your own way. Bro. T. L. Blalock, our own boy, reports his health restored and he and his wife hard at work. He is counting on his own people to aid him by their prayers and contributions. Respectfullysubmitted.

W H. Ollis, Chm.

On motion the report on Education is deferred to 10 o'clock tomorrow moruing. The report on Periodicals was read by P. J. Shell and after some discussion the report failed to be adopted. On motion, the Association adjourned to 8:30 tomorrow morning.

THIRD DAY.—Morning Session.

The Association met according to adjournment. After

singing led by the choir, prayer was offered by S. J. Turner, The Association was then called to order by the Moderator.

J. W, Putman of the Committee read the report on obituaries.

Obituaries.

We your committee on Obituaries, by digest of letters find that during the last associational year twenty of the brethren and sisters have passed from time to eternity. This reminds us that we too must soon pass over the river—to the far beyond, there to spend all eternity with those departed ones. But we should not mourn as those who have no hope. We shall meet them again in the mansion God has prepared for those who love him. Among that number was Eld. Stephen Buchanan, a faithful and much beloved minister of the gospel. He has joined the redeemed throng to sing the song: Redeeming grace and never dying love. Bro. Buchanan's examples live and are worthy of our imitation. Likewise our 19 brethren and sisters have left their examples, and we too will soon fall and our obituaries be read, and our examples left behind us.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Puttman, J. C. Sparks and John Norris, Com.

The association was addressed upon this report by S. M.Green, N. L. Shaw, and others, who spoke of the noblelife and labors of Bro. Stephen Buchanan.

The report of the committee on nominations was read by T. M. Honeycutt as follows:

Your committee on nominations for the Trustees of Bowman Baptist Seminary beg leave to reccomend the following brethren: L. H. Greene, S. J. Turner, J. C. Bowman, S. J. Black, J. S. Poteet, J. Z Singleton, Wm. Greene, R. M. Davis, J. R. Greene, J. C. Young, D. W. Greene, N. A. Buchanan and Calvin Buchanan.

The above report was adopted.

The committee on nominations recommended the following brethren as an executive committee for the Association to wit: S. M Greene, J. S. Poteet R. M. Davis. L. H. Greene, chairman of the committee on the Bowman Academy presented the following report:

We have bought the Bowman Academy at Bakersville and have a deed for the same. We have agreed to pay for it in three installments as follows: One Hundred Dollars to be paid down, $200 to be paid Sept. 1, 1900 and $200 the last payment of the purchase money Sept.

1, 1901. We are now prepared to make the first payment, and have pledges for the other payments amounting to $350. But what your committee most desires at present is, that this Association raise $200 with which to paint and repair the building at an early date. It is our purpose to open a school of high grade as early as possible, not later than Jan. 1st.

Respectfully submitted. L. H. Greene, Chm.

The Association was addressed upon the report by S. J. Turner, L. H. Greene and T. M. Honeycutt. On motion, took up a collection for the Academy of $10 cash and $..... pledges.

A. E. Brown of the committee read the report on Home and State Missions as follows:

Home, State and Associational Missions.

Your committee is grateful to be able to report great progress in the Home and State departments of our mission work. In spite of the evil effects of war upon the field of our home board we are able to report an increase in results over last year. The following summary of the work of our home board will show something of the blessings which are following through this organized effort to the people of the South and Cuba. Last year they employed six hundred and fifty-three missionaries who baptized 6552 converts and constituted 194 new churches; built 92 houses of worship and improved 252 other. They organized 512 Sunday schools in which were gathered 14768 pupils. A comparison with the report of last year will allow a great increase all along the lines. God is with us in this great work and to him be all the glory.

STATE MISSIONS.— The Baptists of North Carolina have great reason to be thankful to God for his blessings upon their labors through the State Mission Board. The history of Baptist progress in our State is largely the history of our State Mission Board. Last year we had 103 missionaries on the field who baptized 1466 converts, organized 29 churches, built 25 houses of worship and organized 73 Sunday schools. This brief and practical summary of our work awakens the profoundest gratitude in every christian heart. An additional reason for gratitude lies in the fact that the white Baptists of North Carolina are again one in organization. They have always been one in love, aim and effect, but the dissolution of the W. N. C. Convention after an existance of about fifty years and the union of the churches which composed it, with the State Convention again make the Baptist hosts of N. C. one in organization.

This enlargement of territory makes it necessary for us to increase our efforts for State Missions, and so this year we are trying to raise $20.000. The churches of our Association should esteem it a great privilege to contribute and cooperate in the great work of evangelizing North Carolina

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.—There is considerable destitution in our country, there are two townships in which there is no Baptist church and one township having out one Baptist church. In view of these conditions we recommend the appointment of a missionary to labor in our bounds, also the appointment of an executive committee to cooperate with our State Board of Missions in sustaining said missionary. This work appeals to us for our prayers and contributions, and we hope every church will take a collection for each of these objects. L. H. Greene, A. E. Brown, Com.

The Association was addressed on the report by A. E. Brown after which it was adopted. On motion adjourned till 1 o'clock p. m.

The Association met again according to adjournment. The house was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer—led by T M. Honeycutt.

On motion to elect a missionary to preach in the destitute places in Mitchell County, L. H. Greene was unanimously elected, then on motion, took pledges from the different churches to pay our Missionary.

PLEDGES.

Bear Creek,	$10.	Green Valley,	$10
Roan Mountain,	10.	Bakersville,	10
Cane Creek,	10.	Aaron,	5
Elk Park,	5.	Burleson's Chapel,	5
Jonas' Ridge,	2.	Little Rock Creek,	3
Linville,	3.	Lily Branch,	2
Mine Creek,	3.	Mt. Pleasant,	1
S. A. Hughes,	1.	Jason Hughes,	1
Giles Caloway,	1.		

The following query was read by W. H Hicks and on motion was adopted:

Shall we override the decision of our brethren who as a committee appointed by the Association to answer queries, and who said we will not receive or hold a church in our fellowship that will aid and abet in dissilling spiritous liquors. We answer no.

W. H. Hicks.

The following report on query was read by N. L. Shaw:

It is in harmony with the Scriptures for a church to employ any worldly methods whatever in order to accomplish the work assigned to her by Christ.—Is not the

Spirit sufficient? We respectfully answer as to the first part of this query, that to use worldly methods in the sense of leaving Christ out, is wrong, and cannot be successful. As to the latter part, is not the Spirit sufficient. We answer, yes.

N. L. Shaw, W. H. Hicks, Com.

Education.

Rev. T. M Honeycutt of the committee reads: First, feeling grateful to God for His blessings and happy that we are spared to this, another annual meeting of the Mitchell County Association to respond by this report to the Baptist churches of Mitchell county. We beg leave to submit the follwing: We believe in the Bible as the word of God through inspiration, and that man is created in his image, possessing all the faculties, attributes, (though in a limited sense) like God, man being only powerful, God omnipotient; Man being present in one place only at a time, God present at all places at all times. Hence we believe that man's happiness is God's glory. "He willeth not the death of any." We believe that our happiness depend on the degree, or extent of knowledge we possess, or in other words, the more we are like God, the happier we are. Therefore we recommend education to the greatest extent, the possibilities and circumstances of life will warrant, not in an education which only claims the possession of knowledge, but in an education that possesses knowledge seasoned with mercy and justice, the religion of Jesus Christ which helps us to make the most of life; an education which helps us to understand the needs of our fellow man. We are glad to know that the Baptists have within the last twenty years, by the help of God surmounted many obstacles, having outgrown the stigma of "Old ignorant Baptist," Hardshell &c. Yet while we know our people have made marvelous improvement in education, and especially in christian education, and in the science and art of music, we hope and recommend that our people will make a greater effort toward education than we have heretofore done. We recommend an unflinching patronage of our home schools so long as they meet our demands, and resolve by the help of God to establish a school at Bakersville under the name of 'Bowman Baptist Seminary" that will meet the demand of all the bright-eyed boys and girls in reach, of whatever denomination they may be. We heartlly recommend for the present, Mars' Hill and Wake Forest colleges. Fraternally submitted.

J. C. Bowman, Chm.

The Association was addreessed on the report by S.

J. Turner, T. M. Honeycutt and others, after which the report was adopted.

The committee on preaching announces that M. P. Matheny will preach in the church to-morrow at 11 o'clock and that W. H, Hicks will preach in the academy at the same hour.

On motion, L. H. Greene was appointed as a delegate to the State Convention at Asheville, and S. M. Greene was appointed delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

J. W. Puttman, the historian read his report and on motion the report was adopted.

On motion J. W. Puttman was retained as historian for the next year.

On motion, that the clerk personally superintend the printing of the minutes, and that he have 500 copies printed.

The report on Temperance was read by W. H. Hicks, and on motion the discussion was deferred to be discussed in connection with Sunday-School report Sunday morning.

Report of Finance Committee.

We the undersigned committee beg leave to report that we have received from the different churches minute funds amounting to $21 85 all of which has been turned over to the clerk of the association:

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Green and I. Grindstaff, Com.

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, that the sincere thanks of this body be tendered to this church and community for the generous manner in which they have entertained this association, and especially our Methodist brethren who have been so generous. On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by N. L. Shaw.

FOURTH DAY—Sept. 17th 1899.

The association re-assembled at 9 o'clock a. m. After singing led by the choir, Eld. J. C. Blalock led in prayer. Then the association was called to order by the Moderator.

J. W. Putman read the report on Sunday-Schools:

Report on Sunday-Schools.

Your committee on Sunday-Schools submit the following: We think that the Sabbath-School is of great importance. We therefore urge every pastor, superin

tendent and teacher of the Sabbath-Schools to encourage this great work. Also to teach the children God's word as to paying and giving to the support of the gospel in all of its workings, in home, and foreign missions.

We therefore reccomend that the children, be taught to give to the Baptist Orphanage. We futher insist that all the churches engage in the Sabbath-School work, and let every church in the Mitchell County Association have an ever-green Sabbath-School. And we urge each and every Sunday-School to send delegates to our annual Sunday School Convention which will convene next year with White Oak church on Friday before the 1st Sunday in Aug. 1900.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Puttman, J. R. Pritchard and E. Buchanan, Com.

The following report on Temperance was read by W. H. Hicks as follows:

Temperance.

There are one hundred thousand saloons scattered all over this land dealing out the deadly poison, destroying men and making homes miserable. We have to grapple with this monster of evil, and drive it from our country; and in order to do this we must have a hearty cooperation on the part of every christian. It is costing this nation more than all other things, not only in dollars and cents, but it is carrying thousands of our race down to the drunkard's grave, and devils' hell! What costs so much we can do without. Twenty-five per cent. of this amount that is virtually being thrown away, put into the treasury of the Lord would enable us to supply all destitution with the gospel of eternal life. What is there that is beautiful in a drunk man, or what is there about him that we should desire his companionship? We are not astonished when the divine Book says, "Beware of the cup when it is red." We ought to lift up our voice against this monster evil under all circumstances. The women of our land can wield a wonderful influence in suppressing this great evil if they would act in concert. We would recommend that our churches observe a strict discipline of their mem bers, and that pastors and teachers constantly keep before the minds of their people the immoral and degrading influence of intemperance and inspire a higher aspiration in the minds of our people, and thereby magnify the cause of our blessed Lord and Master.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. Greene, J. C Blalock, W. H. Hicks, Com.

The Association was addressed on these reports by D. A. Greene, J. C. Blalock, W. H. Hicks, M. P. Matheny, J. R Pritchard and others. On motion the report was adopted.

The following report on pastoral support was submitted by J. R. Greene and on motion was adopted:

Pastoral Support.

We your committee on pastoral support submit the following: We believe our pastors should have a liberal support, and in order for them to get it we would advise the pastors to ask the brethren to come to the gospel law on giving, and if they fail to do so, we would advise them to resign the care of such church.

J. R. Greene, Chairman.

On motion took recess for 10 minutes and at the voice of singing the delegates re-assembled for the 11 o'clock sermon which was preached by Rev. M. P. Matheny, text Rev. 2 chap. and 1st ver.

At the conclusion of the services took up a collection for Bro. T. L. Blalock our Missionary in China which amounted to $13.83. After some appropriate remarks by the Moderator, then sung "How firm a foundation" while the parting hand was extended.

D. W. GREENE, Clerk.

S. M. GREENE, Moderator.

Statistics of the Churches for the year ending Sept. 13th 1899.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	P. O.	ADDED			DISM'D			Total Members	Minutes	State & Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Other Expenses
				Baptized	By Letter	Restored	By Letter	Excluded	Deaths					
Aaron	E D Crisp	R V Kay	Montezuma, N. C.	....	....	....	3	....	....	68	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Bear Creek	S M Greene	Milton Buchanan	Ledger	7	3	4	1	4	1	235	1 70	4.92	.....	165.00
Bakersville	L. H. Greene	W A Buchanan	Bakersville	1	2	1	3	2		112	1 25	33.84	3.46	50.00
Big meadows	E M Gragg	Z D Pyatt	Hughes	....	....	....	2	1	1	73	.50	.....	.....	.....
Big Crabtree	J R Waycaster	J D Talley	Eastatoe	....	1	2	4	....	....	28	50	.....	.....	.....
Big Rock Creek	J W Putman	B A Bryant	Magnetic City	....	....	....	....	....	1	80	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Black Mountain	J C Sparks	Reid Queen	Armstrong	1	1	2	3	....	1	69	50	.....	.....	.....
Burleson's Chapel	L H Greene	J F Pucket	Minneapolis	14	17	5	....	....	1	101	80	1.20	.....	45.27
Cub Creek	J A Gouge	Moses Webb	Bakersville	7	6	7	3	6	....	66	25	.....	.....	.....
Cane Creek	S M Greene	C H Wise	Clarissa	24	2	6	4	4	2	212	1 00	.....	.....	77.00
Elk Park	J E Meese	J S Hill	Elk Park	3	2	4	3	3	....	60	75	.....	.....	60.00
Fork Mountain	L H Greene	Charles Slagle	Little Rock Creek	9	....	....	4	....	4	132	80	.....	.....	26 00
Green Valley	P J Shell	J A Weatherman	Elsie	4	2	....	3	2	..	73	85	.....	.....	.....
Jonas' Ridge	T M Reid	Eddie Bearier	Jonas Ridge	4	2	....	....	....	....	33	30	.....	.....	.....
Lily Branch	S D Tipton	D W Greene	Ledger	13	2	4	4	1	....	125	1 00	.....	.....	30 00
Liberty Hill	J R Waycaster	Isaac Cox	Eastatoe	....	....	....	....	2	....	26	40	.....	.....	.....
Linville	T M Reid	Jordan Cook	Linville	7	1	....	4	2	1	88	7	.....	.....	40 00
Little Rock Creek	S M Greene	J A Buchanan	Glen Ayre	28	5	5	1	1	1	189	1 85	.....	.....	62.54
McKinney Cove	C H McKinney	R E Ellis	Bakersville	1	....	....	2	....	....	40	45	.....	.....	.....
Mount Pleasant	T M Reid	B H Benfield	Hughes	2	7	....	....	5	....	113	65	.....	.....	.....
Mine Creek	L H Greene	R M Davis	Bakersville	6	....	4	3	....	....	125	90	.....	.....	19.00
Roaring Creek	J Sparks	Nathan Lewis	Valley	10	5	7	2	....	....	70	75	.....	.....	.....
Roan Mountain	S M Greene	J Z Singleton	Clarissa	10	4	0	11	....	1	155	1 60	.....	2.00	12.00
Silver Chapel	J A Gouge	W J Hensley	Bandana	....	....	....	1	....	4	90	65	.....	.....	.....
White Oak	J W Duncan	R V Wilson	Bakersville	1	4	....	2	....	1	69	85	.....	.....	34.94

MINUTES

OF THE

Seventeenth Annual Session

OF THE

Mitchell County Baptist Association

AND THE

Fifty-First Annual Session

OF THE

Roan Mountain and Mitchell County Association Combined

HELD WITH

Bakersville Baptist Church,
September, 13, 14, 15, 1900.

The next session will be held with Liberty Hill Church, 12 miles South of Bakersville, beginning on Thursday before the Third Sunday in September, 1901. Rev. J. P. Naugle to preach the Introductory Sermon, and J. W. Duncan, alternate.

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OFFICERS:

Rev. S. M. Greene, Moderator, - Clarissia, N. C.
D. W. Greene, Clerk, - - - Wing, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Putman, Historian, Magnetic City, N. C.
J. S. Poteet, Treasurer, - Bakersville, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS:

L. H. Greene, - - - - - Bakersville, N. C.
J. C. Sparks, - - - - - - " N. C.
C. H. McKinney - - - - - " N. C.
I. Grindstaff, - - - - - - " N. C.
Isaac McKinney, - - - - - - " N. C.
J. W. Duncan, - - - - - Ledger, N. C.
J. C. Blalock, - - - - - " N. C.
D. A. Gouge, - - - - - Bandana, N. C.
J. C. Thomas, - - - - - " N. C.
J. B. Reid, - - - - - Hughes, N. C.
T. M. Reid - - - - - " N. C.
E. Isaacs, - - - - - " N. C.
E. M. Johnson, - - - - - " N. C.
W. H. Ollis, - - - - - - Spear, N. C.
W. G. Buchanan, - - - - - Elk Park, N. C.
J. R. Waycaster, - - - - - Estatoe, N. C.
B. M. Hoyle, - - - - - " N. C.
J. R. Boone, - - - - - " N. C.
S. M. Greene, - - - - - Clarissia, N. C.
S. A. Hughes, - - - - - Valley, N. C.
H. B. Buchanan, - - - Glen Ayre, N. C.
P. J. Shell, - - - - - Gibbs, N. C.
R. M. Young, - - - - - Bakersville, N. C.
H. B. Arnett, - - - - Crossnore, N. C.
J. B. Naugle, - - - - - Clarissia, N. C.
D. A. Greene, - - - - - Cranberry, N. C.

LICENTIATES:

Wm. Gardner, - - - Senia, N. C.
J. W. Stamy, - - Plum Tree, N. C.
L. Burleson, - - - - Bandana, N. C.
T. W. Keller, - - - Jonas' Ridge, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY—OPENING SESSION.

Bakersville, N. C., September 13, 1900.

The Mitchell County Baptist Association met to-day in its 17th Session with Bakersville Baptist Church. After singing, prayer was offered by A. H. Sims for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to lead us in all the deliberations of the Body. At the request of the Moderator, A. E. Brown preached the Introductory Sermon from Isaiah 54 Chapter 2 Verse—His theme, Church Expansion. At the conclusion of the sermon the Moderator made some appropriate remarks, and the Delegates were assigned homes. Then on motion the Association took recess till 2 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The delegates reassembled according to adjournment. After singing, prayer was offered by W. H. Hicks. The Association was then called to order. The Moderator appointed J. C. Blalock and W. H. Ollis as Reading Clerks, who read Church Letters from 23 churches. On motion, called for newly constituted churches. Received one by the name of Oak Grove, then proceeded to the organization of the body.

On motion, A. E. Brown cast the vote of the entire body for S. M. Greene for Moderator. Then, on motion, T. M. Honeycutt cast the vote of the entire body for D. W. Greene for Clerk.

On motion, the Moderator called for correspondents and visiting brethren from other Associations. The following were recognized and invited to seats:

CORRESPONDENTS AND VISITORS.

A. E. Brown, representing the claims of the State Mission Board.

A. H. Sims, representing the Biblical Recorder.

W. H. Hicks and R. B. Shoun from Watauga Association, Tenn.

T. M. Honeycutt from the French Broad Association.

W. A. Roberson, from Buncombe County Association.

J. T. Beaver and Winfield Buchanan, as visitors from Yancey County Association.

F. Craig, as visitor from West Chowan.

Joseph Bennett, as visitor from Robeson County Association.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

EDUCATION—L. H. Greene, A. E. Brown, J. C. Bowman, F. Craig and J. R. Greene.

STATE MISSIONS—T. M. Honeycutt and William Greene.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—W. H. Ollis, W. H. Hicks and W. S. Buchanan.

TEMPERANCE—J. W. Putman and W. A. Roberson.

PERIODICALS—J. C. Sparks, A. H. Sims and R. B. Shoun.

ORPHANAGE—I. Grindstaff, J. C. Blalock and J. R. Greene.

OBITUARIES—R. M. Young, D. A. Greene and H. B. Arnett.

PASTORIAL SUPPORT—A. E. Brown and A. C. Pritchard.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—J. C. Thomas, J. B. Reid and J. T. Beaver.

FINANCE—John Pannal and Green Wilson.

ON PREACHING—Pastor and delegates of Bakersville church.

NOMINATIONS—J. B. Naugle, J. C. Blalock, and F. Craig,

ARRANGEMENTS—L. H. Greene, J. R. Greene, W. H. Ollis, including Clerk and Moderator.

On motion, A. C. Pritchard is seated as a delegate from Elk Park church.

It is announced by the Preaching Committee that W. H. Hicks will preah at the church to-night.

On motion, adjourned till 9:00 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association reassembled at the hour appointed and was led in Devotional Exercises by the Moderator, who read the 65th division of Pslams. Prayer was offered by R. B. Shoun. The Association was then called to order.

Report of the Committee on Arrangements was read by the Clerk, and on motion, was adopted.

On motion, the Clerk read the proceedings of yesterday, which was adopted.

On motion, called the roll and marked absentees.

ENROLLMENT OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

BEAR CREEK—J. W. Duncan, J. C. Blalock, J. A. Buchanan, J. W. Putman, W. S. Duncan.

BAKERSVILLE—G. A. Buchanan, J. W. T. Quinn, Jas. T. Wilson, John Pannal, L. H. Greene.

BLACK MOUNTAIN—Wm. Staton.

BIG CRABTREE—J. D. Tolley, J. R. Boone.

BIG ROCK CREEK—J. W. Putman, S. C. Gouge and Samuel

Bailey.

BURLESON'S CHAPEL—N. A. Buchanan, L. L. Ollis, W. B. Ollis, J. F. Pucket.

WHITE OAK—R. B. McKinney, I. N. Wilson.

PEPERS' CREEK—Thomas Lowery.

FORK MOUNTAIN—Charles Slagle, P. M. Cook, David McKinney, H. R. Hughes, W. F. Hughes.

OAK GROVE—L. W. Duckworth, John Dean.

MOUNT PLEASANT—Russel Burleson, Philo Pritchard, P. T. Benfield.

SILVER CHAPEL—D. P. Chandler, Isiah Henson, J. C. Thomas, S. J. Silver.

MINE CREEK—R. M. Young, I. Grindstaff, I. McKinney, P. H. Grindstaff.

ROAN MOUNTAIN—S. M. Greene, W. S. Buchanan, J. B. Naugle, W. J. Wilson, N. Blevins, S. N. Young, A. Greene.

ROARING CREEK—W. M. Gardner, S. S. Hughes.

GREEN VALLEY—Isaac Grindstaff, J. R. Greene, J. E. Mace, J. T. Ollis.

GRASSY CREEK—C. M. Hollyfield, John M. Washburn.

LILY BRANCH—D. W. Greene, J. J. Murdoch, James Buchanan, B. G. Willis.

LIBERTY HILL—Geo. B. Woody, E. Simmons, T. L. Cox, W. A. McKinney.

JONAS' RIDGE—T. W. Keller.

LITTLE ROCK CREEK—H. B. Buchanan, W. M. Ellis, J. C. Randolph, Marion Ayers, J. Ayers.

MCKINNEY COVE—C. H. McKinney, A. A. Ellis, Green, R. Wilson, J. S. McKinney, Marion Wilson.

CANE CREEK—W. M. Greene, W. M. Black, S. P. Greene, Erwin Buchanan, A. C. Buchanan, D. A. Greene.

CUB CREEK—J. C. Sparks, W. C. Gouge, S. C. Webb.

YELLOW MOUNTAIN—W. H. Ollis.

ELK PARK—A. C. Pritchard.

AARON—Neither letter or delegate.

CHESTNUT GROVE—Not represented.

LINVILLE—Not represented.

The following report on Periodicals was read by A. H. Sims of the Committee.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We, your Committee, submit the following: We believe there is no agency in the hands of our people by which we can accomplish more good, than by the circulation of good, religious literature. Believing that we have no greater and more dangerous foe to meet

than the circulation of poisonous literature, thrown out on the public by the printing press. We, therefore urge our pastors to see to it, that their churches, and people are supplied with such literature as the Biblical Recorder, published at Raleigh, and so ably edited by J. W. Bailey; The Skyland Baptist, published at Mars Hill; Charity and Children, published at Thomasville; The Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. SHOUN, } Com.
R. H. SIMS, }

The report on Periodicals was ably discussed by A. H. Sims and T. M. Honeycutt, after which it was adopted.

On motion, suspended business for 10 minutes to take subscriptions for the Biblical Recorder and the Skyland Baptist. The Association then adjourned for the 11 o'clock sermon, which was preached by W. A. Roberson. At the conclusion of the sermon the Association took recess till 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body reassembled according to adjournment.

After singing, the Association was called to order.

The report on State Missions was read by T. M. Honeycutt, of the Committee. The Association was addressed on the report by A. H. Sims, A. E. Brown, and T. M. Honeycutt.

The report was adopted.

On motion, took up a collection for State Missions, which amounted to $8.86.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Christ died to save the world—the whole word. It does not matter where the sinner lives, whether in China, or in North Carolina, unless he is washed in the blood of the Lamb, he is lost forever. Paul describes the awful condition of those who are unsaved; as "without hope and without God in the world." Our Master, before He left the world gave the Command, "Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Our churches in North Carolina, through the State Mission Board, are trying to carry forward this Command. First, by preaching the gospel in Eastern North Carolina, where there are four counties without a Baptist preacher, and ten or twelve others with only one Baptist preacher each. Second, by supplying the factory population of over 100,000 souls with the Word of God. And third, by seeking co-operation with the 30,000 Baptists west of the Blue Ridge. Our Convention is spending $20,000 this year in this important work. Your Committee is of the opinion that this Association ought to take part in this great work, which is being done by our State Mission Board.

T. M. HONEYCUTT, } Com.
WM. GREEN, }

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following as a Committee to say where the next Association be held and who preach the Introductory Sermon: W. S. Buchanan, D. J. English and John Washburn.

The Committee immediately reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

We, your Committee on Time and Place of the next meeting of this Association, recommend that it be held with Liberty Hill church, commencing on Thursday before the Third Sunday in September, 1901, and that J. B. Naugle preach the Introductory Sermon, and that J. W. Duncan be his alternate.

W. S. BUCHANAN, Chairman.

After some remarks the above report was adopted.

The Committee on Preaching announces that Bro. T. M. Honeycutt will preach at the Baptist church to-night.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association reassembled according to adjournment.

After singing, prayer was offered by A. H. Sims. The Assoaiation was then called to order.

The following report of the Trustees of the "Bowman Academy" was read by J. R. Greene.

REPORT ON THE ACADEMY.

We, the Trustees of the "Bowman Academy" submit the following report: We have collected from the different churches and turned over to the Treasurer $220.72, and have paid out $198.53, leaving in the treasure unexpended, $22.26. The amount of pledges not yet paid is $225.00. We had a very good school taught last winter by Prof. Frankham. Respectfully submitted,

L. H. GREENE, Chairman.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The following Report on Education was read by A. E. Brown of the Committee.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We are glad to be able to report a great awakening among our people on education. There is an increasing demand for a longer term, and more efficient teachers in our public schools. We earnestly urge our people to patronize the public schools, and spare neither pains nor expense to increase their efficiency. In the matter of furnishing means for a higher education, our Baptist people are becoming thoroughly awakened. Wake Forest College is becoming better equipped year by year, and the patronage increasing constantly. The Female University enjoyed a most successful session last year, with brighter prospects for this year. Our Baptist people of the mountains are awakening to the necessity of establishing high

schools, and at present we have seven either constructed, or in course of construction. But, while we are interested in all of these, our own high school demands our special care and consideration. We have been compelled to labor under severe difficulties so far, but the prospects are brighter now than at any time, and we hope that we may be able at this session to so enlist the co-operation of the brethren and sisters as to put it upon a better basis. The future usefulness of the Association not only depends largely upon this enterprise, but our very existence is threatened without it. We recommend that you raise at this session, in cash and good subscription, a sum to pay for and finish the building, and thus encourage a first-class teacher to take hold of it.

L. H. GREENE, }
A. E. BROWN, } Com.

The report was discussed by L. H. Greene, T. M. Honeycutt and others. The report was then adopted.

On motion, took up pledges and cash callections amounting to $120.00 for the purchase money and for the completion of the building.

PLEDGES FOR STATE MISSIONS.

Bear Creek, $5.00; Bakersville, $5.00; Fork Mountain, $3.00; Yellow Mountain, $5.00; Black Mountain, $5.00; Cane Creek, $5.00; Green Valley, $5.00; Lily Branch, $2.50; Little Rock Creek, $3.00; McKinney Cove, $1.00; Roaring Creek, $2.00; Roan Mountain $5.00; Silver Chapel, $2 00; White Oak, $2.00; Pepers' Creek, $2.00; Grassy Creek, $2.00; Big Rock Creek, $1.00; Mine Creek, $2.00.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

Apart from church work, I have labored 112 days, preached 160 sermons; received for work done $62.40; baptized during the year 78 persons; witnessed 146 conversions; witnessed 202 additions; collected for educational purposes $221.72; collected $1.68 for State Missions; Mission Station filled, Spruce Pine. We have an arm at this point. We have about $400.00 subscribed to build a church at this point. Your Missionary would recommend that this Association look after this point and assist them in building a house.

Respectfully,
L. H. GREENE.

After some remarks by L. H. Greene, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Nominations for the Trustees of the "Bowman Academy" recommended the following brethren as Trustees: L. H. Greene, A. C. Pritchard, J. C. Bownman, Colman Pannal, J. S. Poteet, Marion Ayers, M. L. Buchanan, S. M. Greene, S. J. Turner, D. W. Greene, S. J. Black, J. Z. Singleton, Wm. Greene, R. M. Davis, J. R. Greene.

Amount pledged to the Trustees of the "Bowman Academy" annually for a period of four years:

A. E. Brown, (paid) $5.00; W. M. Greene, (paid) $10.00; J. R.

Green, $5.00; W. S. Buchanan, $5.00; P. H. Grindstaff, $5.00; J. E. Mace, $5.00; J. M. Buchanan, $5.00; L. H. Greene, $5.00; Jas. M. Greene, $5.00; A. Greene, 5.00; W. C. Gouge, 5.00; John Sparks, $2.50; J. W. T. Quinn, $5.00; Z. B. Singleton, $5.00; S. J. Silver, (paid) $1.00; D. P. Chandler, (paid) $1.00; M. C. Pannal, $5.00; Jas. T. Wilson, $2.50; F. Craig, $5.00; A. E. Berry, $5.00; H. H. Hurly $10.00; N. A. Buchanan, $5.00; T. W. Triplet, $5.00. J. W. Putman, $2.50.

On motion, the Association took recess till 1:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association reassembled according to anjourment, was led in prayer by R. B. Shoun. The Association was then called to order by the Moderator.

A. E. Brown presented the report of the Committee on the support of the Ministry as follows:

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

It is not necessary for your Committee to call attention to the fact that the financial support given our pastors is too small to enable them to obey the injunction to "Give thyself wholly to the work." God has made it plain in his word that the Minister is not to go to a warfare at his own charges. And that they who have ministered to you in Spiritual things should reap of you carnal things. We recommend that when practible, our churches form fields and call the same pastor and pay him a salary sufficient to enable him to devote his whole time to the work where unto God has called him. God has commanded his ministers to go and preach the gospel, but adds, "How can they preach except they be sent."

A. E. Brown, A. C. Pritchard, } Com.

The Association was addressed on the report by A. E. Brown, W. H. Hicks and Joseph Bennett. The report was adopted.

J. C. Blalock of the Committee, read the following report on the Orphanage:

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

Our Baptist Orphanage is located at Thomasville N. C. It has at present about 175 children. In order to be well informed on this work it is necessary to take "Charity and Children," the Orphanage paper which is published weekly at one dollar per year. Shall we help the Orphanage? Let God answer; Prov. 19 chapter 17 verse "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." 1st John 3 chapter 17 verse, "But who hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need and shuteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" James 2:15. "If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; not withstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it

profit?" Yes, we must care for the orphans.

J. C. BLALOCK,
J. R. GREENE, } Com.
I. GRINDSTAFF,

After some remarks by J. C. Blalock, the report was adopted.

On motion, took up a collection for the Orphanage amounting to $4.18, which has been forwarded to the General Manager of the Orphanage.

On motion, a resolution was adopted, asking each church in this Association to take collections for the Thomasville Orphanage.

J. C. Blalock presented the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Mitchell County Association advise the churches to elect no man as pastor who will not preach Missions and temperance.

Resolved further, That this Association recommend the churches to contribute liberally to Foreign Missions, and send their contributions either through the Board, or the Gospel Mission plan.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. BLALOCK.

On motion, the Clerk of the Association is instructed to have the proceedings of the last Sunday School Convention printed in the Associational Minutes.

The following report on Finance was read by John D. Pannal:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report the following: We have collected from the different churches minute funds amounting to $20.45, also from the Secretary of the Sunday School Convention, $5.70, all of which has been turned over to the Clerk of the Association. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. PANNAL,
GREEN R. WILSON, } Com.

The following report on Colportage was submitted by W. H. Ollis.

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

We, your Committee appointed to consider and report as to the advisability of Colportage work in the Mitchell County Association, beg leave to recommend the appointment of one energetic man to this long neglected work, so that our people may be well supplied with Bibles and other good books. We also recommend that pledges be made by the churches to be paid in the next 30 days to raise a fund sufficient to start this work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. OLLIS,
D. J. ENGLISH, } Com.
JAS. B. REID.

On motion, the Clerk is instructed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and that he be allowed $7.50 for his services.

The following resolutions were adopted;

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1st. That the sincere thanks of this body be tendered to this church and community for the generous manner in which they have entertained this Association.

Resolved 2nd. That we appreciate the presence, acknowledge the efficiency and influence of our visiting brethren and thank them for their hearty co-operation in the deliberations of the body.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet to-night in mass meeting.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 8:00 p. m. After singing, led by the choir. J. C. Blalock led in prayer. In the absence of the Moderator the Association was called to order by L. H. Greene.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by W. H. Ollis of the Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign Mission work means the reclaiming of a lost race. For this cause God gave his Son, and to this cause Christ gave his life, and there is no greater object to which we can contribute our gifts. When we become Christians we are immediately invested in Christ's plan to save the world. That our churches may discharge this great duty, they must first be led to feel the obligations resting on them. This is largely the work of the pastors. God will hold the pastors responsible for the way in which they lead and teach his churches in the work of Foreign Missions. The churches need information concerning the work, needs, and success, on the Mission fields. For this end the Foreign Mission Journal, and our denominational papers can be used with great advantage. The word of God must be studied concerning Missions. And if studied prayerfully, and with a desire to follow its teachings, we will be brought face to face with an obligation to give the gospel to every creature.

W. H. Ollis, Chairman.

The report was discussed by F. Craig, J. C. Blalock, and A. E. Brown.

The report was adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9:00 a. m.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Sunday morning, 9:00 o'clock. The Association met in Sun-

day School Mass Meeting. The report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. Joseph Bennett. Remarks by Joseph Bennett, J. C. Blalock and A. E. Brown.

The report was then adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are glad to know that the Sunday School work is on the increase all over our Association, and we hope our people will take still more interest in the good work. It is a great means in helping to spread the light of the gospel of Christ. A very large per cent of our church members are brought in through the agency of the Sunday School. We urge the churches to select Christian teachers to teach in the Sunday Schools.

J. T. Beaver
J. C. Thomas, } Com.
Jas. B. Reid.

The report on Temperance was then called for ; the Committee appointed on this subject having failed to submit a report. The Association reaffirmed and adopted the Temperance report of 1899, to be reprinted as the report for 1900.

TEMPERANCE.

There are one hundred thousand saloons scattered all over this land dealing out the deadly poison, destroying men and making homes miserable. We have to grapple with this monster of evil, and drive it from our country ; and in order to do this we must have a hearty cooperation on the part of every Christian. It is costing this nation more than all other things, not only in dollars and cents, but it is carrying thousands of our race down to the drunkard's grave, and devils' hell! What costs so much we can do without. Twenty-five per cent. of this amount that is virtually being thrown away, put into the treasury of the Lord would enable us to supply all destitution with the gospel of eternal life. What is there that is beautiful in a drunk man, or what is there about him that we should desire his companionship? We are not astonished when the divine Book says, "Beware of the cup when it is red." We ought to lift up our voice against this monster evil under all circumstances. The women of our land can wield a wonderful influence in suppressing this great evil if they would act in concert. We would recommend that our churches observe a strict discipline of their members, and that pastors and teachers constantly keep before the minds of their people the immoral and degrading influence of intemperance and inspire a higher asperation in the minds of our people, and thereby magnify the cause of our blessed Lord and Master.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. Greene,
J. C. Blalock, } Com.
W. H. Hicks,

The hour having arrived for the 11 o'clock sermon, Rev. A. E. Brown preached in the Baptist church to a large and attentive

audience, using for his text Romans 9 : 3. His sermon was of great power and we hope its fruits will be realized in days to come.

Rev. A. H. Sims preached at the Methodist church, South, with great force and power.

A collection was taken for Foreign Missions, which amounted to $6.81.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Liberty Hill Baptist church, on Thursday before the Third Sunday in September, 1901. Thus ended a very pleasant session of the Mitchell County Association.

D. W. GREEN,
Clerk,

REV. S. M. GREENE,
Moderator.

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MINUTES

OF THE

ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Mitchell County Baptist Sunday School Convention,

HELD WITH

White Oak Church, July 27, 28, and 29, 1900.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. S. M. Greene.

The house was called to order by S. M. Green, who was chosen President *Pro Tempore*. John Pannal was chosen Secretary *Pro Tempore*.

The President appointed Henry Wilson and A. F. McKinney Reading Clerks. They read letters from eleven Sunday Schools.

Rev. S. M. Greene was elected President and John Pannal Secretary. S. J. Silver, Jesse Greene, and Rev. Isaac Grindstaff were elected Vice Presidents.

The President appointed the following Committees:

PROGRAM—Revs. L. H. Greene, Isaac Grindstaff, J. C. Blalock, J. C. Sparks and J. R. Greene.

PREACHING—Stephen Buchanan, R. B. McKinney and Milt. Wilson.

FINANCE—D. P. Chandler and Fred McKinney.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet in an evening session at 2:30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Convention met according to adjournment.

Choir half an hour in excellent singing.

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Sparks.

Committee on Program made its report. Report adopted.

The program was taken up and the first question disposed of,—"What is the influence of a Sunday School on a neighborhood and how is our Sunday Schools progressing." Opened by Rev. J. W. Duncan in a very interesting speech, followed by J. R. Greene and J. C. Blalock.

Next question on the program was taken up,—"Is the Sunday School divinly sanctioned, and if so, am I not responsible for its success?" Opened by Rev. L. H. Greene, followed by Rev. S. M. Greene.

Next questison,—"Would it not be cheaper for a father to take his boys and go to Sunday School than to stay at home?" Some interesting remarks by J. R. Greene, Rev. L. H. Greene and Rev. J. C. Blalock.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 8:30 o'clock Saturday.

SECOND DAY—July 28.

It was ordered that the next annual meeting of this Convention be held with Roaring Creek church, to begin on Friday before the Fifth Sunday in September, 1901. Introductory Sermon to be delivered by Rev. L. H. Greene.

Committee on Preaching reported that Rev. L. H. Greene would preach at 11 o'clock a. m.

The next question on program was taken up,—"What do Baptists believe, and should Baptists be encouraged to read Baptist literature and patronize Baptist Schools?" Remarks by Revs. J. C. Blalock. L. H. Greene and S. M. Greene.

An excellent sermon was delivered by Rev. L. H. Greene at 11:00 o'clock.

Convention took a recess for an hour and thirty minutes.

EVENING SESSION.

Committee on preaching reports that there will be a sermon at 11:00 o'clock Sunday by Rev. David Greene, followed by Rev. S. M. Greene. 30 minutes spent in excellent singing by Choir.

It was ordered that the next Fifth Sunday Meeting be held with Little Rock Creek chnrch, to begin Friday before the Fifth Sunday in September, 1900. Rev. John Blalock to preach Introductory Sermon.

The last question on the program was taken up,—"The impor-

tance of prayer and song service in Sunday School." Good speeches delivered by Revs. Isaac Grindstaff, J. C. Blalock and S. M. Greene.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 9:00 a. m. Sunday.

SUNDAY—July 29.

The Convention met persuant to adjournment. Spent 30 minutes in singing.

An address by Rev. J. C. Blalock, who also read the Sunday School Scripture Lesson and led in prayer. It was announced by the President that Rev. David Greene was not well enough to fill his place on the program, to preach at 11 o'clock, and asked that the Committee take off his name and substitute J. R. Naugle.

A Sunday School Mass Meeting was organized. Very interesting speeches delivered by Revs. S. M. Greene, W. S. Buchanan, J. C. Blalock and J. B. Naugle.

A collection was taken up for the sexton.

Report of Finance Committee: We have received from the different Sunday Schools, for the printing and distribution of the Minutes, $5.70. D. P. CHANDLER, A. F. McKINNEY, Committee.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

BIG CRABTREE—Chas. Ledford.

BLACK MOUNTAIN—Wm. Staton, J. B. Turner.

LIBERTY HILL—Seymore Cox, C. C. Woody.

MINE CREEK—Isaac Grindstaff, Isaac McKinney.

SILVER CHAPEL—S. J. Silver, D. P. Chandler.

McKINNEY COVE—Wm. Wilson, P. M. Wilson.

BEAR CREEK—Wm. Burleson, Starlin Sparks, Ilia Sparks.

LITTLE ROCK CREEK—Gus Ayers, Wm. Ellis, D. P. Thomas, M. L. Wilson.

KOARING CREEK—J. G. Hughes. S. A. Hughes.

LILY BRANCH—B. G. Willis, Bessie Buchanan.

WHITE OAK—Daisy Wilson, Fred McKinney.

BAKERSVILLE—John Pannal, Nora Pannal.

GREENE VALLEY—Jesse Greene.

CANE CREEK—Elmore Buchanan, W. W. Buchanan, Irena Buchanan, Aggie Greene.

The hour having arrived the 11:00 o'clock sermon was delivered by Rev. J. B. Naugle to an unusually large crowd, from the text,—"Crucify Him." His subject, "Truth."

Resolved, That the Convention return its thanks to this church and community for hospitality and kind treatment.

Officers of Convention: S. M. Greene, Pres.; S. J. Silver, Vice President; Isaac Grindstaff, Second Vice Pres.

JOHN PANNAL,
Secretary.

J. R. GREENE,
3rd Vice Pres.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 13, 1900.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Days of Preaching.	INCREASE. Baptisms.	INCREASE. By Letter.	INCREASE. Restored.	DECREASE By Letter.	DECREASE Excluded.	DECREASE Deaths.	Total Membership.	Minute Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Exp.
*Aaron										60			
Bear Creek	S. M. Greene.	Milton Buchanan.	4 Sun.	20	2	5	3	5	4	250	$ 1 25	$30 00	$12 00
Bakersville	L. H. Greene,	John Pannal	1 Sun.		2		8		1	104	75	75 00	30 00
Big Crabtree	J. C. Blalock	J. H. Willis	2 Sun.					1	1	21	25		5 00
Big Rock Creek	J. C. Sparks	Samuel Bailey							1	79	70		
Black Mountain	S. D. Tipton	Reid Queen		5			1	1		73	50		
Burleson's Chapel	L. H. Greene	J. W. Burleson		10	8	4	1	1		101	1 05	36 00	
Cub Creek	J. A. Gouge	Doc Hart		3	3	1	1		3	70			
Cane Creek	L. H. Greene	C. H. Wise		14	2	2	8	4	4	212	80	37 00	83 00
Fork Mountain	J. C. Sparks	Charles Slagle		5	6	1		17		124	1 00	13 85	
Green Valley	P. J. Shell	J. A. Weatherman,	4 Sun.				2		1	70	1 00	36 00	15 00
Jonas' Ridge	T. M. Reid	Eddie Barrier	4 Sun.	3		2			1	37	50	22 00	
Lily Branch	J. C. Thomas	D. W. Greene,	3 Sun	8	6	4	3	2	2	127	1 00	15 00	
Liberty Hill	S D. Tipton	W. A. McKinney	3 Sun	13	9				1	46	70	10 00	
Little Rock Creek	S M. Greene	J. A. Buchanan		10	12	3		2	3	209	2 05		75 00
McKinney Cove	C. H. McKinney	R. E. Ellis		6	1	3			1	50	45		
Mt. Pleasant	T. M Reid	B. H. Benfield		15	7	2	4	4	1	135	1 50		
Mine Creek	J. C. Thomas	R. M. Davis	1 Sun.	24	5	4	6	1	1	158	50		
Roaring Creek	J. C. Sparks	W. M. Gardner		5	3	3		4		70	60		12 44
Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene	J. Z. Singleton		15	4	1	5		1	169	1 50		55 00
Silver Chapel	J. C. Thomas	W. J. Hensley	2 Sun.	6	1	1	2	1		94	75		
White Oak	L. H. Greene.	A. F. McKinney	4 Sun.	2					1	63	70	12 00	24 00
Yellow Mountain	S. M. Greene	H. C. Stafford		8		1	3		3	95	90	36 00	24 00
Pepers' Creek	H. B. Arnett	J. M. Washburn		4		4				52	35	8 00	8 00
Grassy Creek	J. R. Waycaster	S. G. Quinn		18	1	2	1	3	1	130	1 00		15 00
Oak Grove	T. M. Reid	A. A. Johnson.		17	4					21	80		
* Elk Park										60			
* Big Meadows										73			
* Linville										33			

* Last report--Aaron 60 members; Elk Park 60; Big Meadows 73; Linville 33.

Record of the Mitchell County Baptist Association.

YEAR.	WITH WHAT CHURCH.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	PREACHER OF ANNUAL SERMON.	MONTH OF MEETING.
1884	Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putman	L. H. Greene	September, 14
1885	Little Rock Creek	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putman	T. H. McCoury	" 15
1886	Toe River	L. H. Greene,	S. M. Collis	S. M. Collis	" 7
1887	Elk Park	S. M. Collis	Wm. G. Buchanan	S. M. Greene	August, 18
1888	Mine Creek	J. W. Duncan	S. M. Greene	E. Buchanan	" 16
1889	Grassy Creek	J. W. Duncan	S. M. Greene	J. C. Sparks	" 13
1890	Aaron	S. M. Greene	Wm. G. Buchanan	W. H. Ollis	September, 25
1891	Fork Mountain	J. C. Sparks	D. W. Greene	L. H. Greene	" 24
1892	Big Rock Creek	Wm. G. Buchanan	J. W. Putman	W. A. Roberson	" 22
1893	Roan Mountain	L. H. Greene	S. M. Greene	L. H. Greene	August, 30
1894	Big Meadow	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putman	J. W. Putman	" 31
1895	Lily Branch	L. H. Greene	D. W. Greene	J. W. Putman	" 27
1896	Mt. Pleasant	S. M. Greene	" "	G. P. Bostic	September, 3
1897	Little Rock Creek	" "	" "	S. M. Greene	" 16
1898	Bear Creek	" "	" "	P. J. Shell	" 15
1899	Yellow Mountain	" "	" "	T. M. Honeycutt	" 14
1900	Bakersville	" "	" "	A. E. Brown	" 13

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.	NUMBER ENROLLED.	CONTRIBUTIONS.
Big Crabtree	L. M. Sparks	Estatoe		25
Black Mountain	Wm. Staton	Armstrong	75	50
Bear Creek	Milton Buchanan	Ledger		80
Bakersville	J. S. Poteet	Bakersville		
Cane Creek	A. C. Buchanan	Clarissia	111	77
Green Valley	J. R. Greene			50
Little Rock Creek	Stokes Buchanan	Glen Ayer	142	40
Mine Creek	R. M. Davis	Bakersville	100	52
Roaring Creek	Wm. Gardner		95	40
Lily Branch	D. W. Greene	Ledger	75	25
Liberty Hill	G. B. Woody		73	40
Silver Chapel	D. A. Gouge		115	36
White Oak	I. N. Wilson		80	25
McKinney Cove	P. M. Wilson	Bakersville	45	30

MINUTES

OF THE

Eighteenth Annual Session

OF THE

MITCHELL COUNTY

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

AND THE

Fifty-Second Annual Session

OF THE

Roan Mountain and Mitchell County Association Combined,

HELD WITH

Liberty Hill Baptist Church,

September 12, 13, and 14.

1901.

The next session of this body will be held with Cane Creek Church, five miles East of Bakersville, beginning on Tuesday before the Third Sunday in September 1902. Rev. J. W. Duncan to preach the Introductory Sermon, and L. H. Greene, alternate.

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OFFICERS.

Rev. S. M. Greene, Moderator,	Clarissia, N. C.
D. W. Greene, Clerk,	Wing, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Putman, Historian,	Magnetic City, N. C.
W. F. Dodson, Treasurer,	Bakersville, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

L. H. Greene,	Bakersville, N. C.
J. C. Sparks,	" N. C.
C. H. McKinney,	" N. C.
I. Grindstaff,	" N. C.
Isaac McKinney,	" N. C.
R. M. Young,	" N. C.
W. W. Baker,	" N. C.
J. W. Duncan,	Ledger, N. C.
J. C. Blalock,	" N. C.
D. A. Gouge,	Bandana, N. C.
J. C. Thomas,	" N. C.
S. A. Hughes,	Senia, N. C.
S. M. Pitman,	Hughes, N. C.
E. A. Stamy,	Altamont, N. C.
Jas. B. Reid,	Hughes, N. C.
T. M. Reid,	" N. C.
E. Isaacs,	" N. C.
E. M. Johnson,	" N. C.
W. H. Ollis,	" N. C.
J. R. Waycaster,	Estatoe, N. C.
B. M. Hoyle,	Spear, N. C.
J. R. Boone.	" N. C.
D. A. Greene,	Cranberry, N. C.
S. M. Greene,	Clarissia, N. C.
J. B. Naugle	" N. C.
W. S. Buchanan	" N. C.
H. B. Buchanan,	Glen Ayer, N. C.
J. W. Putman,	Magnetic City, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

Wm. Gardner,	Senia, N. C.
J. W. Stamy,	Plumtree, N. C.
L. Burleson,	Bandana, N. C.
T. W. Keller,	Jonas' Ridge, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

Liberty Hill Baptist Church, Sept. 12, 1901.

The Mitchell County Association met to-day in its 18th Annual Session with Liberty Hill Baptist church at 10:30 A. M. Spent 30 minutes in song service.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. J. B. Naugle, from Prov. II chapter and 12 verse. "He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbor." At the conclusion of the sermon S. D. Tipton led in prayer.

The moderator then made some appropriate remarks. Among other things, he said he had attended every session of this Association for 34 years.

Then proceeded to the organization of the body, which resulted in the re-election of Rev. S. M. Greene for Moderator and D. W. Greene Clerk.

The Moderator appointed Rev. J. C. Blalock and Charles E. Greene reading clerks, who read church letters from 24 churches. On motion, the Moderator called for newly constituted churches, and received letters and delegates from four churches. Then on motion the letters were received and the Moderator invited the delegates to seats in the body. The names of the newly constituted churches are as follows: Pleasant Hill, Spring Creek, Mine Ridge and Henson's Creek.

On motion, the Moderator called for Correspondents and visitors from other Associations. The following were recognized and invited to seats.

CORRESPONDENTS AND VISITORS.

Rev. A. E. Brown, representing the claims of the State Mission Board; Rev. W. A. Roberson, from Buncombe County Association; From Yancey County Association,—Rev. S. D. Tipton, Rev. B. B. Riddle, Rev. T. C. King, Rev. John A. Gouge, Jarvis Roberson, N. N. Silver, Z. T. Fox, J. T. Fox, Thomas McMahan, E. D. Silver;C. L. French, as visitor from Tennessee Association; W. A. Charles, as visitor from Nolachucky Association; D. P. Daugherty as visitor from Watauga Association.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Preaching—Wm. Buchanan, M. B. Greene, with Pastor and delegates of Liberty Hill Church.

Education—W. W. Baker, J. B. Naugle and C. E. Greene.

State Missions—A. E. Brown and L. H. Greene.

Foreign Missions—T. C. King, J. C. Sparks and J. C. Blalock.

Temperance—J. C. Thomas, W. A. Roberson and J. A. Gouge.

Periodicals—Isaac Grindstaff and W. F. Dodson.

Orphanage—S. D. Tipton, J. R. Waycaster and C. L. French.

Sunday Schools—J. W. Duncan, T. M. Johnson. W A. Roberson.

Nominations—J. B. Naugle, J. W. Duncan and J. B. Reid.

Finance—D. P. Chandler and D. J. English.

State of the Churches—A. A. Johnson, L. H. Greene, and D. A. Greene.

Committee on Woman's Work—T. C. King, L. H. Greene.

Committee to Revise Names of Ministers—D. J. English, C. E. Greene and W. M. Oaks.

The Committee on Preaching report that W. A. Roberson will preach at the church this evening at 4 o'clock. On motion, adjourned to meet at 8:30 to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association reassembled according to adjournment. Spent 30 minutes in devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator. The Association was then called to order. The Moderator called for visiting brethren.

Rev. T. N. Jonson, representing the Sunday School Board, was recognized and invited to a seat. Also Bro. A. P. Sorrells of the Green River Association was recognized and seated in the body.

On motion, the Clerk read the proceedings of yesterday, which was approved by the body.

The roll of delegates was called and the names enrolled as they appear below.

ENROLLMENT OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Bakersville—Revs. L. H. Greene, W. W. Baker; W. F. Dodson, William Ledford and C. E. Greene.

Bear Creek—Revs. J. W. Duncan, J. C. Blalock; D. J. English, M. V. Buchanan, J. W. Pitman, John Willis, Reuben Pitman.

Big Meadows—Z. D. Pyatt, A. T. Carpenter.

Black Mountain—H. Waycaster, M. L. Queen.

Burleson's Chapel—L. L. Ollis, N. A. Buchanan.

Big Rock Creek—Rev. J. W. Putman, S. B. Bailey.

Cub Creek—Rev. J. C. Sparks.

Cane Creek—Rev. D. A. Greene, J. L. Buchanan, M. B. Greene.

Fork Mountain—D. M. Cook, James Jones, Moses McKinney and David McKinney.

Grassy Creek—J. M. Washburn, W. A. Buchanan, Isaac Willis.

Green Valley—J. A. Weatherman, Joseph Ollis.

Big Crabtree—Rev. J. R. Boon, John Ledford.

Henson's Creek--W. A. Buchanan.
Jona's Ridge—A. H. Barrier, E. Barrier.
Lily Branch—D. W. Greene, J. J. Murdoch, B. G. Wills.
Liberty Hill—W. A. McKinney, P. C. Hoppes, Isaac Cox, Elliott Simmons.
Little Rock Creek—W. M. Ellis, J. C. Randolph, A. W. Buchanan, W. L. Ward, D. P. Thomas.
Mine Creek—Rev. Isaac Grindstaff, Peter Grindstaff, Isaac McKinney, Jas. Davis.
Mine Ridge—William W. Gouge, Reuben Hollifield.
McKinney Cove—C. H. McKinney, P. M. Wilson.
Mount Pleasant—Rev. Jas. B. Reid, J. C. Benfield. Rev. S. M. Pitman.
Oak Grove—A. J. Taylor, Wm. Oaks, John Dean, A. A. Johnson.
Pleasant Hill—B. A. Ollis, W. E. Ollis.
Roan Mountain—Rev. S. M. Greene, Rev. J. B. Naugle, Rev. W. S. Buchanan, I. H. Wilson.
Roaring Creek—W. M. Gardner.
Silver Chapel—Rev. J. C. Thomas, D. P. Chandler, C. B. Morgan.
Spring Creek—Miller Francis, Lewis Garland.
White Oak—Milton Wilson.
Yellow Mountain—H. Ollis, R. Gaddy.
The following churches were not represented: Aaron, Elk Park, Chestnut Grove, Pepers' Creek, and Linville.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following brethren as a Committee to say where the next Association be held, and who preach the Introductory Sermon: James Jones, D. P. Chandler, J. C. Benfield.

This committee after confering with each other reported that the next session of the Mitchell County Association will be held with Cane Creek church and that Rev. J. W. Duncan preach the Introductory Sermon, and that L. H. Greene be his alternate.

The Moderator called for the churches which pledged for State Missions last year, and the following churches came forward and turned over their money to the Clerk. Roan Mountain $4.10, Bakersville $5.00, Cane Creek $5.00, Bear Creek $5.00, Mine Creek $2.00, Fork Mountain $3.00, Little Rock Creek $2.05, White Oak $2.00, McKinney Cove $1.00. Total $29.15. This money was paid over to our missionary, A. E. Brown, who receipted the Clerk for the same.

The Moderator called for volunteer delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention at Asheville, N. C., and the following gave their names: Rev. L. H. Greene, Rev. W. W. Baker, A. F. Dodson, C. E. Greene and C. L. French.

W. F. Dodson of the Committee offered the following report on the "Bowman Academy" which was adopted after some amendments:

REPORT ON THE ACADEMY.

We, the Trustees of the Bowman Academy beg leave to submit the following: During the year just closed, we have been making some very needed repairs on the building. During the year the Treasurer has received $213.38 and we have paid on the indebtedness $75.00, and for paint, painting, papering, glass, and other expenses $138.38.

We would ask that each church in this Association pledge and pay a certain amount.

The school is in a flourishing condition under the management of Prof. W. W. Baker, Principal, Mrs. W. W. Baker and C. L. French assistant Teachers of vocal and instrumental music.

What we need is a rally to its demands, and the near future will find us reaching the topmost round of a Christian Institution, owned and controlled by the Mitchell County Association. Let us urge on each member of this Association a hearty co-operation in this our greatest struggle. We feel and know the good people of this Association will lend of their means to this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. GREENE,
W. F. DODSON,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We your committee on nominations beg leave to report the following brethren as Trustees of the Bowman Academy: L. H. Greene, Chairman; W. F. Dodson, J. C. Bowman, J. S. Poteet, S. J. Black, Charles E. Greene, Willliam Greene, R. M. Davis, W. W. Baker, C. L. French, Laf. Wilson, D. W. Greene, David English, James Weatherman, Nathan Buchanan.

On motion, took up a collection for the Academy which amounted to $6.75. The following churches made pledges to be paid in cash and lumber, to be used in ceiling the Academy: Big Rock Creek, 800 feet; Cane Creek, 1000 feet; Bear Creek 1000 feet; Liberty Hill $4.00; J. M. Washburn $1.00 (paid); Isaac Willis $1.00 (paid).

On motion, adjourned for the 11 o'clock sermon, which was preached by T. C. King, using for his text Gen. 5:24. "And Enoch walked with God," His theme walking with God. At the conclusion of the sermon, W. A. Roberson led in prayer. The Association then adjourned till 1 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled according to adjournment, and was called to order by the Moderator.

The following report on Foreign Missions was read by T. C. King of the Committee:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, make the following report: The last year has been the best in all the years of modern missions. We had on the field 102 Missionaries, regularly sent out;

these were re-enforced by 130 native helpers; making in all 232 workers on the field. We have 127 churches organized on the field with 160 outstations. There were baptized into the fellowship of these churches last year 1009 converts to the faith of Christ. Our people raised and expended on the field last year about $156,000. We have planned to make this year on a $200,000 basis. This means an advance of 25 per cent on our contributions. We have a total membership of 6773. These contributed last year the sum of $10,259.17—a little more than $1.51 per member. We are occupying fields in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, China, Japan and Africa. The work in Italy for many years moved slowly and some of our brethren seemed discouraged, but under God, and the wise leadership of Dr. G. B. Taylor, and other workers, re-enforced by our own beloved C. J. F. Anderson from North Carolina, the work is much more hopeful. Dr. Whittingill has been recentiy sent out to establish a Theological Training School. These are all working in Rome. We have workers also in Florence and other cities.

In the very places where Baptists would once have been burned as heretics, we can now bodly preach the Gospel as we believe it. Under the very shadow of the Vatican, in the Imperial City, men are being snatched from the shackles of Romanism. May we not hope and confidently expect that in the years soon to come that we will see Papal mancles full of the people, and a new Italy spring into being, such as will glorify the name of our Common Master.

Our work in China has received a check in the recent troubles, but what appeared to be our almost ruin, God has turned to our account. And the wrath of man has been made to praise Him, and our workers have returned to their fields, and the work is more hopeful there. What has been said of these can be truthfully said of all the others.

It is the sense of your committee that our people have never given for missions as they should. Let us do more this year than ever before, in this glorious work of bringing the world to Christ.

We would further recommend the adoption by our churches of some systematic plan for raising money for this glorious work. We have some twenty or more in the foreign field that are laboring under the "Independent" plan, one of which is from our own Association. We further recommend that the churches take pledges for their support.

T. C. KING,
J. C. SPARKS,
Committee.

The above report was adopted after making some amendments. Then took collection for Foreign Missions, $2.11. The following churches made pledges for Foreign Missions: Bear Creek $5.00; Mount Pleasant $5.00; Jonas' Ridge $2.00; Grassy Creek $2.00.

The following report on Education was read by C. E. Greene of the Committee:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education are glad to report that the Baptists of Mitchell County are becoming more interested in Education. We earnestly urge our people to patronize the public schools, and when they are ended we insist that the boys and girls be sent to the Bowman Academy in order that they be led on to higher and nobler life. Not withstanding the fact that Wake Forest stands as one of, if not the

best, institutions of learning South of the Mason and Dixon line, our Mitchell Baptists are not interested as they should be in preparatory and Academical schools.

In round numbers it will take $1200 to pay for and equip the Bowman Academy. We are interested in Wake Forest, The Baptist Female University, and all other Baptist schools in the State, but while this is true our attention is called nearer home. It would take something like $40 from each church to complete and pay for our Academy at Bakersville. We earnestly hope the Lord will put it into the hearts of every Baptist in Mitchell County to do something toward the completion of our school building, in order that our boys and girls will have an opportunity to obtain a Christian education. Without the completion of this building, or some other in our Association, our very existence is threatened. The age has come in which the youths are going to have opportunities to go to school. If we as Baptists do not give them an opportunity, other denominations will. We earnestly recommend that this Association raise enough to pay off the indebtedness of this, and by so doing our Association will control one of the best Academical schools in North Carolina. The school is now under the wise management of Prof. W. W. Baker, and it is the earnest desire of every true Baptist in Mitchell County that this building be paid for, equiped, and controlled by this Association; and for this we sincerely hope.

W. W. BAKER,
A. E. BROWN,
C. E. GREENE,
J. B. NAUGLE,
Committee.

After remarks by C. E. Greene, W. W. Baker, T. C. King and A. E. Brown, the report was then adopted.

The Committee on Preaching report that Rev. A. P. Sorrels will preach at the church to-night, and that Rev. A. E. Brown will preach at 11 o'clock to-morrow.

On motion, W. F. Dodson was elected Treasurer of the Mitchell County Association.

On motion, adjourned to 8:30 to-morrow morning.

The Association was led in prayer by A. E. Brown.

THIRD DAY--MORNING SESSION.

The Association reassembled at the hour appointed, and was led in devotional exercises by B. B. Riddle, who read and commented on the 12 chapter of Romans. The Association was then called to order by the Moderator.

The following report on Sunday Schools was read by W. A. Roberson of the Committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools submit the following: The Sunday School is the meeting of the church for study and devotion. Therefore the church should control it; equip it; and spiritualize it. Her most godly, consecrated men and women should lead it and teach

it. No other should attempt it. Its chief object should be the salvation and growth in grace of its members, and to glorify our great Creator.

It holds in its hands the eternal destiny of our boys and girls. From its classes the wise pastor will look for the increase of his membership.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. ROBERSON,
J. W. DUNCAN,
T. NEIL JOHNSON,
Committee.

The Association was addressed on this report by W. A. Roberson and T. N. Johnson.

The following report on Finance was submitted by D. P. Chandler of the Committee.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following: We have collected from the different churches Minute funds amounting to $20 65, all of which has been paid over to the Clerk of the Association.

D. P. CHANDLER,
D. J. ENGLISH.
Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion, W. F. Dodson was elected general collector for the Bowman Academy.

On motion, adjourned for the 11 o'clock sermon which was preached by A. E. Brown, who used for his text 1st Cor. 15 ch. and 10th verse. "And His grace which was bestowed on me was not in vain."

On motion, adjourned until 1 o'clock P. M.

THIRD DAY--EVENING SESSION.

The Association reassembled at the hour appointed. In the absence of the Moderator and Clerk the body was called to order by L. H. Greene, who requested Bro. N. N. Silver to act as Clerk protem.

The following report on State Missions was read by Rev. A. E. Brown of the Committee.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We are glad to report continual prosperity in our State mission work. We have many reasons to believe that the work is being prosecuted wisely by those to whom it is entrusted.

No longer can it be said that there is not a County in North Carolina which has not a Baptist church in it. This shows progress since last years report in the great destitute field of our State. The Eastern counties as the factory population increases we are endeavoring to increase our efforts to provide them the means of the gospel. But in neither of these departments are we able to meet the demands, and

your Board is anxiously working and waiting and praying for our people to awake to the necessity of greatly increased efforts in these two departments of the work entrusted to them.

The work in the whole state is prosperous; but in no section is it so prosperous as in the West. And in no section has there been greater progress made. New life is stirring the great Baptist hosts of the mountains. The establishment of schools at strategic points has met with great favor among our people, and numerous are the noble sacrifices made by our people in erecting suitable buildings. These schools —eight in number—have had flattering openings this year. They are the pride not only of our western people, but of the people of the whole state.

Our work was planned upon a basis of $25,000 this year. This is an increase of twenty five per cent over last year. This calls for an increase in our contributions. This work done in the past has yielded such glory to God, and blessings to the state that we confidently expect the churches of this Association to keep pace with her sister Associations in meeting this increase.

A. E. Brown,
L. H. Greene,
Committee.

The report was spoken to by A. E. Brown, after which it was finally adopted.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved: That we make the pledges of last year a basis for our work on State Missions for this year.

The following report on the state of the churches was submitted by L. H. Greene of the Committee:

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We your Committee on the state of the churches submit the following:

From our own experience, and after hearing the report from the churches of our Association, it is with regret that we have to report that our churches are not living up to the gospel standard of giving. But it gives us pleasure to say that some of our churches are advancing, while many of them have a name to live but are dead. Some of them are without pastors. Some fail to be represented in our Association. Some of our churches have good church houses, while some are without any. We feel that there is yet a great work to be done in our own Association. We would recommend that this Association appoint a man whose heart is in the work, that he may devote his whole time in assisting the pastors, stirring up the churches along the line of duty.

Respectfully submitted.

L. H. Greene,
A. A. Johnson,
I. Grindstaff,
David Greene.
Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

The following report on Periodicals was read by S. M. Greene, and on motion was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We, your Committee beg leave to submit the following: We would earnestly request that nothing but good literature be placed in our homes.

First of all, be well supplied with the holy Bible in your homes; so that the young may have free access; and from its many promises secure for themselves a home above. Next we would advise our pastors to look well to their church members, and see that they are well supplied with such literature as the Biblical Recorder, published at Raleigh; The Skyland Baptist, published at Clyde; Charity and Children, published at Thomasville; The Baptist Standard, published at Dallas, Texas, also the Foreign Mission Journal and The Home Field.

Respectfully submitted,
I. GRINDSTAFF,
W. F. DODSON,
Committee.

The Historian made his report to the Association, and on motion it was adopted.

The report on Orphanage was read by S. D. Tipton, and on motion its adoption is by special order for 10 o'clock tomorrow.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted: RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the members of Liberty Hill Church and this community for their generous hospitality.

It is also moved and carried that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that he have $7.00 for his service.

On motion, to organize a Volunteer Mission Corp, the following named preachers agreed to give two weeks labor each in the destitute parts of Mitchell County: J. C. Blalock, A. E. Brown, S. M. Greene, J. W. Duncan and S. D. Tipton.

The Moderator appointed the following as an Executive Committee to point out the destitute field, and to direct the missionary labor: Jas. B. Reid, Dr. P. C. Duncan, D. W. Greene, Jas. A. Weatherman and John Willis, Sr.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount received for the Academy since Sept. 13, 1900, to Sept. 11, 1901, was $213.38. Amount paid out $213.49.

J. S. POTEET, Treas.

The following resolution was submitted by L. H. Greene: RESOLVED, That the Mitchell County Association meet on Tuesday before the third Sunday in September, instead of Thursday. On motion this resolution was adopted.

The following report on Temperance was submitted by W. A. Roberson:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is a Bible doctrine, and it should be lived by all Christians. We believe the cause of temperance is growing stronger all over our land. Yet there is perhaps some of our church members tipling with the monster, prince Alcohol.

We recommend that all our churches take some gospel method in the near future to rid themselves of all who make, use, sell, or encourage the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

W. A. ROBERSON,
J. C. THOMAS,
J. A. GOUGE,
Committee.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock A. M.

FOURTH DAY—SUNDAY MORNING.

The Association met again on Sunday morning for the closing exercises.

The following report on the Orphanage was read by S. D. Tipton of the Committee.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We, your Committe on the Orphanage, submit the following: The number of children in the care of the orphanage is now about 190. The management is in excellent condition, and the outlook of the Institution is exceedingly hopeful. We desire to say our brethren who have charge of this work are making every effort possible to accommodate the orphan children of the state. We insist that our churches take at least one collection a year for the orphanage, and that the children in our Sunday Schools be given an opportunity of contributing its support more frequently.

S. D. TIPTON,
J. R. WAYCASTER.
C. L. FRENCH.
Committee.

After remarks by S. D. Tipton the report was adopted. Then on motion, took a collection for the orphanage amounting to $2.05 which has been forwarded to the orphanage by the Clerk.

The 11 o'clock sermon was preached by Rev. B. B. Riddle, followed by W. A. Roberson, who made some appropriate closing remarks.

Then on motion, adjourned to time and place above named.

D. W. GREENE,
Clerk.

REV. S. M. GREENE,
Moderator.

Statistics of the Churches for the Year Ending Sept. 12, 1901.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Sundays of Worship.	INCREASE. Baptisms.	INCREASE. By Letter.	INCREASE. Restored.	DECREASE. By Letter	DECREASE. Excluded	DECREASE. Deaths.	Total Membership.	For Minutes.	Missions.	Pastor's Salary.	Oother Expenses.
Big Meadows	T. M. Reid	Z. D. Pyatt	2 Sun	0	0	0	4	0	2	65	$ 50	$	$	$
Big Crabtree	J. C. Blalock	J. H. Willis	2 Sun.	9	2	6	5	0	1	32	35	...	17 00	.....
Bear Creek	S. M Greene	Milton Buchanan	4 Sun.	9	3	5	7	3	0	256	2 15	9 06	.....	70 20
Bakersville	S. M. Greene	J D. Pannal	1 Sun.							89	95	5 00	24 58	.....
Big Rock Creek	J C Sparks	S B. Bailey		13	0	0	0	0	1	101	85	....	12 00	20 00
Black Mountain	J. R. Waycaster	Reid Queen			1				1	74	40	.....	.....	....
Burleson's Chapel	L. H. Greene	N. A. Buchanan	3 Sun.	7	1		25	2	1	83	55	.....	20 80	6 00
Cub Creek	J. C. Sparks	Doc. Hart		1	2		2		1	71	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cane Creek	L. H. Greene	C. H. Wise	2 Sun.	4		3	5	3	3	215	1 00	5 00	40 00	59 29
Fork Mountain	Isaac Grinstaff	D. M. Cook		39	4	19	3		3	139	1 15	3 00	28 00	10 00
Green Valley	J. B. Naugle	W J. Bowman.			4		7			70	80	...	36 00	.....
Jonas' Ridge	P. J. Shell	Eddie Barrier	4 Sun					2	2	35	30	.....	.....	.....
Lily Branch	J. A. Gouge	D W. Greene	3 Sun	7	8	3	5	1	2	123	75	2 03	33 00	12 50
Liberty Hill	S D. Tipton	S. M Sparks	3 Sun.	15	4	2			2	66	55	...	33 00	75 00
Little Rock Creek	S. M. Greene	J. A Buchanan	2 Sun	2		4	8	4	2	203	1 45	2 05	30 00	36 60
McKinney Cove	C H. McKinney	R E Ellis		5	2		2			56	40	1 00	.....	14 00
Mine Creek	L. H Greene	R. M Davis	1 Sun	2		1	1	1	1	158	55	....	.....	.....
Mount Pleasant	T M Reid	B A. Benfield	1 Sun		4		6	3	1	132	70	....	40 00	.....
Mine Ridge	J. R. Waycaster	Reubin Hollifield	2 Sun.	9	2	6				25	40	.....	.....	....
Roaring Creek	D. A. Greene		2 Sun.	4	2	5	1	1	3	73	50	.....	.....	.....
Roan Mountain	S M. Greene	J. Z Singleton	3 Sun	12	1	6	2	1		185	1 30	4 10	.....	54 95
Silver Chapel	J. C Thomas	W J Hensley	2 Sun.	14	3	6	2	4		109	81	3 50	32 00	.....
Spring Creek	J. W Putman	N. Gouge								20	50	.....	.....	.....
White Oak	L H Greene	A F McKinney	4 Sun	3		1	2	4	2	61	65	2 00	18 00	.....
Henson's Creek	D. A. Greene.	J. M Greer								27	40	.....	.....	.....
Yellow Mountain	J. C Sparks	R. Gaddy		1						96	40	....	.....	35 00
Grassy Creek	J. R Waycaster	Mills Hollifield			3	6			4	130	1 00	4 60	10 85	4 00
Oak Grove	T. M. Reid	A. A Johnson		5	9			1		43	55	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill	J C. Sparks	S. M. Pitman	2 Sun.							25	55	.....	9 00	.....

Record of the Mitchell County Baptist Association.

YEAR.	WITH WHAT CHURCH.	MODERATOR.	CLERKS.	PREACHER OF ANNUAL SERMON.	MONTH OF MEETING.
1884	Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putman	L. H. Greene	September 14
1885	Little Rock Creek	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putman	T. H. McCoury	" 15
1886	Toe River	L. H. Greene	S. M Collis	S. M. Collis	" 7
1887	Elk Park	S. M. Collis	Wm. G. Buchanan	S M. Greene	August 18
1888	Mine Creek	J. W. Duncan	S. M Greene	E. Buchanan	" 16
1889	Grassy Creek	J W. Duncan	S. M. Greene	J. C. Sparks	" 13
1890	Aaron	S. M. Greene	Wm. G. Buchanan	W. H. Ollis	September 25
1891	Fork Mountain	J. C Sparks	D. W. Greene	L. H. Greene	" 24
1892	Big Rock Creek	Wm. G. Buchanan	J. W. Putman	W A Roberson	" 22
1893	Roan Mountain	L. H Greene	S. M. Greene	L. H. Greene	August 30
1894	Big Meadows	S M. Greene	J. W. Putman	J. W. Putman	" 31
1895	Lily Branch	L H Greene.	D. W. Greene	J. W. Putman	" 27
1896	Mount Pleasant	S. M. Greene	" "	G. P. Bostic	September 3
1897	Little Rock Creek	" "	" "	S. M. Greene	" 16
1898	Bear Creek	" "	" "	P. J. Shell	" 15
1899	Yellow Mountain	" "	" "	T. M. Honeycutt	" 14
1900	Bakersville	" "	" "	A. E. Brown	" 13
1901	Liberty Hill	" "	" "	J. B. Naugle	" 12

MINUTES

OF THE

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

MITCHELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

AND THE

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ROAN MOUNTAIN AND MITCHELL COUNTY ASSOCIATION COMBINED,

HELD WITH CANE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH,
SEPTEMBER 16, 17 and 18, 1902,

The next Session of this body will be held with Aaron Church, at Montezuma, beginning on Tuesday before the Third Sunday in September, 1903.

Rev. L. H. GREEN to preach the Introductory Sermon.

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Rev. S. M. Greene, Moderator.....Clarissia, N. C.
D. W. Greene, Clerk.....Wing, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Putman, Historian.....Magnetic City, N. C.
J. S. Poteet, Treasurer.....Bakersville, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

L. H. Greene...Bakersville, N. C.
J. C. Sparks...Bakersville, N. C.
C. H. McKinney,Bakersville, N. C.
Isaac Grindstaff,Bakersville, N. C.
R. M. Young...Bakersville, N. C.
Isaac McKinney,Bakersville, N. C.
W. W. Baker..Bakersville, N. C.
J. W. Duncan.....Ledger, N. C.
J. C. Blalock.....Ledger, N. C.
D. A. Gouge.....Bandana, N. C.
J. C. Thomas.....Bandana, N. C.
S. A. Hughes.....Valley, N. C.
S. M. Pitman.....Frank, N. C.
E. A. Stamy.....Altamont, N. C.
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Thos. M. Reid.....Hughes, N. C.
E. Isaacs.....Hughes, N. C.
E. M. Johnson...Plumtree, N. C.
W. H. Ollis.....Ingalls, N. C.
J. R. Waycaster...Estatoe, N. C.
B. M. Hoyle.....Estatoe, N. C.
J. R. Boone.....Estatoe, N. C.
D. A. Greene....Cranberry, N. C.
S. M. Greene.....Clarissia, N. C.
J. B. Naugle.....Clarissia, N. C.
W. S. Buchanan..Clarissia, N. C.
H. B. Buchanan.Glen Ayre, N. C.
J. W. Putman,Magnetic City, N. C.
Jos. Sparks.....Frank, N. C.
W. D. Mace..Linville Falls, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

Wm. Gardner.....Senia, N. C.
J. W. Stamy.....Plumtree, N. C.
L. Burleson.....Bandana, N. C.
J. W. Carpenter....Ingalls, N. C.
T. W. Keller..Jonas' Ridge, N. C.
Anderson Sparks...Ledger, N. C.
Rufus Hurt.....Plumtree, N. C.
R. S. Hayes.....Plumtree, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

CANE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, September 16, 1902.

The Mitchell County Baptist Association met to-day in its Nineteenth Annual Session with Cane Creek Baptist Church at 11 o'clock A. M. Spent thirty minutes in song service and prayer.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Duncan, using for his text, Acts 1st chapter and 8th verse.

At the conclusion of the sermon, then took recess for fifteen minutes. The delegates then re-assembled in the house. After singing and prayer the Association was then called to order by Rev. S. M. Greene, the former Moderator. The Moderator then appointed W. W. Baker and Charles E. Greene as Reading Clerks, who read the church letters from twenty-nine churches.

Then, on motion, the Moderator called for newly-constituted churches, and received letters and delegates from two newly-constituted churches.

On motion, the letters were received and the delegates invited to seats in the body. The names of the newly-constituted churches are as follows: Red Hill and Flat Rock.

Then proceeded to the organization of the body, which resulted in the re-election of Rev. S. M. Greene as Moderator, and D. W. Greene, Clerk.

Then, on motion, the Moderator called for correspondents and visitors from other Associations.

The following were recognized and invited to seats: Rev. C. S. Farthing was received as a correspondent from Three Forks Association. S. W. Blalock was received as a visitor from Yancey County.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Preaching.—Athen Greene, W. M. Duncan, Marion Buchanan, with the pastor and delegates of Cane Creek Church.

Education.—W. W. Baker, C. E. Greene, and J. B. Naugle.

State Missions.—L. H. Greene, J. C. Blalock, and C. S. Farthing.

Foreign Missions.—J. B. Naugle, and Jas. B. Reid.

Temperance.—J. C. Thomas, R. M. Young, and J. W. Duncan.

Periodicals.—W. S. Buchanan, Reuben Pitman, and C. S. Farthing.

Orphanage.—J. C. Sparks, Jas. Weatherman, and D. A. Greene.

Nominations.—D. J. English, W. W. Baker, and L. H. Greene.

Finance.—C. H. Wise and Milton Buchanan.

On Woman's Work.—J. C. Blalock, J. Z. Singleton, S. A. Hughes.

Committee to Revise Names of Ministers.—D. J. English, C. E. Greene, Wm. Oaks.

On motion, the committees on Sunday Schools and State of the Churches were dispensed with.

The Committee on Preaching report that C. S. Farthing will preach at the church to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Words of welcome were spoken by L. H. Greene, pastor of Cane Creek Church, who assigned the delegates by churches to homes during the sitting of the body.

On motion, adourned to 8:30 to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY.—Morning Session.

The Association reassembled according to adjournment. Opening song, "How firm a foundation."

Spent thirty minutes in devotional services, conducted by J. C. Sparks.

The Association was then called to order. The Moderator read the report on arrangements, which was adopted.

Then, on motion, the Clerk read the proceedings of yesterday, which were confirmed by the body.

The roll of delegates was called and the names enrolled as they appear below.

ENROLLMENT OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Aaron—C. P. Braswell.

Bakersville—L. H. Greene, W. W. Baker, J. C. Bowman, C. E. Greene and Geo. Buchanan.

Big Meadows—Z. D. Pyatt, Thomas A. Carpenter, and Jos. L. Pyatt.

Bear Creek—Milton Buchanan, D. J. English, W. S. Duncan, J. W. Duncan, J. C. Blalock, Reuben Pitman, S. W. Blalock.

Burleson's Chapel—Jesse Grindstaff.

Big Rock Creek—Bethel Bryant and Lauden Buchanan.

Cub Creek—J. C. Sparks, W. C. Gouge and S. W. Conley.

Cane Creek—Wm. Greene, C. H. Wise, W. W. Buchanan, Wm. Ward, S. P. Greene and David Greene.

Fork Mountain—David McKinney, J. J. Jones and Thos. Greene.

Grassy Creek—Mills Hollifield and H. W. McKinney.

Green Valley—Dock Weatherman and Jas. Weatherman.

Henson's Creek—W. A. Buchanan, J. M. Houston and J. M. Greer.

Jonas' Ridge—A. H. Beam and Eddie Barrier.

Oak Grove—A. A. Johnson.

Pleasant Hill—W. M. Buchanan and Boston Ollis.

Red Hill—R. Buchanan, W. W. Canipe.

Roaring Creek—Rev. S. A. Hughes and Nathan Lewis.

Mine Creek—Jas. Young, R. M. Young.

Silver Chapel—Rev. J. C. Thomas, C. B. Morgan, W. A. Robeson and W. C. Gouge.

Roan Mountain—S. M. Greene, J. B. Naugle, W. S. Buchanan, M. Young, A. Greene, W. J. Wilson and J. Z. Singleton.

Mount Pleasant—R. M. Vance and J. W. Carpenter.

McKinney Cove—C. H. McKinney, P. M. Wilson, J. S. McKinney M. A. Young.

Mine Ridge—W. S. Biddix.

White Oak—T. J. Buchanan, R. B. McKinney and A. L. Grindstaff.

Yellow Mountain—Stokes Braswell and Romulus Gaddy.

Liberty Hill—W. A. McKinney.

Little Rock Creek—D. P. Thomas and W. H. Biddix.

Lily Branch—Jas. Buchanan, D. W. Greene, J. E.Willis and J. J. Mendach.

Flat Rock—Letter, but no delegates.

The following churches were not represented: Elk Park, Chestnut Grove, Peper's Creek and Linville.

On motion, the next session of the Mitchell County Association will be held with Aaron Church, commencing on Tuesday before the third Sunday in September, 1903, and that L. H. Greene preach the introductory sermon.

On motion to consider the propriety of electing a Missionary to labor in the destitute parts of Mitchell County, L. H. Greene was unanimously elected to give his whole time to that work, and that he shall be allowed $1.00 per day for his services.

On motion, the Association took recess till 1 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled according to adjournment.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

On motion, the Moderator appointed J. C. Bowman, D. J. English and Wm. Greene as a committee to map out the destitute field for our missionary to labor in. The committee submitted the following report which was read by J. C. Bowman:

We, your committee appointed to map out the field in which our missionary shall labor, submit the following report:

We would recommend that he devote most of his time at *Spruce Pine, Pineola, Cranberry* and *Elk Park.* We think these places are important points and they are destitute of Baptist preaching. We would recommend that our missionary try to secure a hold at these points, and build churches, and to do any other work which in his wisdom he thinks should be done.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. ENGLISH,
WM. GREENE,
J. C. BOWMAN,
Committee.

The following resolution was submitted by J. C. Bowman, which was adopted by the body:

For the betterment and promotion of our mission work in Mitchell County, we, the Mitchell County Association, do hereby resolve, first, that it shall be the duty of each pastor of our respective churches to take a collection at least once a month and send the same to our Treasurer, J. S. Poteet, whose duty it shall be to confer with our missionary quarterly, and make out and transmit a report to each church in the Association.

Respectfully submitted, J. C. BOWMAN.

On motion, L. H. Greene was appointed as a delegate to the State Convention at Durham.

On motion, called on the Historian to report. The Historian being absent, no report was made at this Association.

J. B. Naugle, of the committee, submitted the following report on Foreign Missions:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, wish to state that we recognize that to live in harmony with the New Testament Christianity, we must be mission in spirit. The Son of God came from heaven to earth as a missionary to redeem man from his lost condi-

tion, and as we are commanded to follow His example, we should send the gospel to all the nations that are lost. If we can not go we should pay men to go. We realize that the life of the churches, to a great extent, depends on their disposition to give to missions.

We recommend that each church in this Association mature some plan by which they can raise more money for Foreign Missions, and that each church dispose of the money as they choose. We realize that this Association has Elder T. L. Blalock as an "independent" missionary in China, and it is our duty to help him preach the gospel in China.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. NAUGLE,
JAS. B. REID,
Committee.

The report was spoken to by J. B. Naugle, J. C. Blalock and Jas. B. Reid, after which it was adopted.

PLEDGES FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Bakersville	$5.00
Bear Creek	5.00
Lily Branch	5.00
Jonas' Ridge	1.00
McKinney Cove	1.00
Cane Creek	4.00
Mt. Pleasant	5.00
Green Valley	2.00
Roan Mountain	5.00
Henson's Creek	1.00
Yellow Mountain	2.00
Aaron	3.00
A. A. Johnson	2.00
R. M. Young	1.00
D. P. Thomas	.50

The following report on Temperance was read by R. M. Young, of the committee:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is a Bible doctrine and should be lived by all church members. We believe the cause of temperance is growing all over our country, yet some church members will drink spirituous liquors. We should not fellowship anyone who makes, sells or drinks intoxicating liquors.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. YOUNG,
J. C. THOMAS,
J. W. DUNCAN,
Committee.

The report was discussed by R. M. Young and J. C. Bowman, after which it was adopted.

On motion, J. S. Poteet, of Bakersville, was elected Treasurer of the Mitchell County Association.

The following report on the Bowman Academy was read by W. W. Baker, of the committee:

REPORT ON THE BOWMAN ACADEMY.

The Trustees of the Bowman Academy beg leave to submit the following:

During the year just closed we have been making still more needed repairs on the building. During the year the Treasurer has received $343.37, and we have paid on the indebtedness $323.00; and for inside painting, windows and equipment $287.00. Total, $610.00. There is yet due on the Bowman Academy $525.00—a property estimated at a value of $2,500. We would ask that each church in this Association pledge and pay a certain amount, and by so doing, own and control one of the best academical schools in Western North Carolina. To this end let us pray and earnestly plan and lay out a large education campaign to be shared in by every church, and let us accomplish something this year at least.

The school is giving entire satisfaction under the management of Prof. W. W. Baer, and the outlook for a full school this year is encouraging.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. GREENE,
W. W. BAKER,
Committee.

Remarks by W. W. Baker and L. H. Greene. The report adopted. Then, on motion, took collection and pledges for the Academy amounting to $97.50.

The following report on Education was read by W. W. Baker, of the committee:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education are glad to report that the Baptists of the South are waking up on the subject of education as they never have been before. Still there are a great number of our best members and ministers who do not realize the great demands resting upon the churches of our Association, to provide for our boys and girls a well-equipped religious institution in their reach, where they can obtain a Christian education. Other denominations are at our doors saying, "If you are unable or unwilling to provide a Christian institution for your children we can and will." A Pedobaptist school and church-house will be built within two miles of our school this fall. Secret fraternities are taking from our school and churches our mountain boys and girls who will soon be so much needed in our homes and churches.

The State University, fostered by public schools, makes an educational system which grows stronger and draws more heavily each year upon all grades of Baptist schools from the kindergarten to the college.

We all rejoice that the institutions mentioned in this report are banishing much of the ignorance and crime in the State, and yet in their very nature they tend directly to destroy Baptist educational institutions, and to undo the distinctive principles of the Baptist students who come into their halls. While this is the case, we can but bid them God-speed as long as they do the work the Baptists should, but will not do. With most Baptists of this Association deaf and dumb on Christian education, with the Pedobaptists against us, and with the secret fraternities and the public school system drawing so heavily upon our patronage, what shall be done?

Our Association, with its array of Baptist Churches, does not and can not support one school unless there is a great awakening speedily.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. Baker,
J. B. Naugle,
C. E. Greene,
Committee.

After some remarks by W. W. Baker and L. H. Greene, the report was adopted.

Then, on motion, adjourned to 8:30 to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY.—Thursday Morning.

The Association met again according to adjournment. Spent thirty minutes in devotional exercises.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator.

The following report on Woman's Work was submitted by J. C. Blalock, of the committee:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We, your Committee on Woman's Work, in the Baptist Churches of the Mitchell County Association, would recommend that each church in the Association appoint some sister of their body to organize a Woman's Missionary Society, and that they meet at least once a month and contribute of their means for the cause of Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Blalock,
S. A. Hughes,
Committee.

After some remarks by J. C. Blalock, the report was adopted.

The following report on State Missions was submitted by L. H. Greene, of the Committee:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on State Missions, are glad to report that the work is being prosecuted wisely by those to whom it is entrusted. Through the honest efforts and sacrifices of our Baptist people, they have planted the banner in every county in the State, and yet there remains much to be done. It looks as though the work has just commenced. We would recommend that all our pastors bestir themselves and lay the work before their churches and take collections for State Missions. Our State Board has employed quite a number of missionaries, who are doing faithful, honest work in building Baptist churches and Baptist schools all over our State, and every Baptist in the State should feel interested in this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. Greene,
J. C. Blalock,
Committee.

The report was spoken to by L. H. Greene and J. C. Blalock, after which it was adopted.

The following pledges were made to pay our missionary, L. H. Greene:

Bear Creek Church	$12.00
Bakersville	5.00
Cane Creek	12.00
Lily Branch	2.50
Roan Mountain	5.00
A. A. Johnson	1.00

On motion, Rev. T. C. Laughrun was recognized and invited to a seat in the body.

The following report on the Baptist Orphanage was submitted by James Weatherman, of the committee:

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

We, your Committee on the Orphanage, beg leave to submit the following report:

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville continues to do the work for which it was established. There are now something near two hundred orphan children there, who are being fed, clothed and educated.

The institution is wisely managed, and continues to grow. The managers are doing all they can to accommodate the orphan children of the State.

We believe the churches of this Association should take collections at least once a year for its support.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. SPARKS,
JAS. WEATHERMAN,
Committee.

The report was discussed by Jas. Weatherman, after which it was adopted.

The following report on periodicals was submitted by W. S. Buchanan, of the committee:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We, your Committee on Periodicals, submit the following: We believe in order to be intelligent and up-to-date with our denomination, there should be a good and religious newspaper in every family. Therefore, we would recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, published at Raleigh, N. C.; *Charity and Children*, published at Thomasville, N. C.; also, the *Foreign Mission Journal.*

W. S. BUCHANAN,
R. PITMAN,
Committee.

The report was spoken to by W. S. Buchanan and L. H. Greene. The report was adopted.

On motion, business was suspended for ten minutes for L. H. Greene to take subscriptions for the Biblical Recorder.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The amount which I have received for the Bowman Academy since September 12, 1901, to September 15, 1902, was $343.37; the amount paid out $343.37.

J. S. POTEET,
Treasurer.

The following resolution was submitted by Rev. S. M. Greene, and, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association advise the churches of this Association, and especially the pastors and deacons, to be exceedingly careful in regard to allowing strangers, calling themselves ministers of the gospel and preaching spurious and dangerous doctrines and causing divisions, strife and contention, etc. (See Romans, 16th Ch., 17 and 18; also, 2 John, 10th verse.)

The following report on finance was offered by C. H. Wise, of the committee:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have collected from the different churches of the Association minute funds amounting to $22.04, all of which has been turned over to the clerk of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. WISE,
MILTON BUCHANAN,
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the members of this church and community for their generous hospitality.

Moved and carried that the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that he have five hundred copies printed.

On motion, adjourned for the 11 o'clock sermon, which was preached by T. M. Reid.

At the conclusion of the sermon, took up a collection for Foreign Missions, amounting to $5.00.

On motion, took a recess for dinner.

THIRD DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body reassembled in the house.

After singing, prayer was offered by J. W. Duncan, after which J. B. Naugle preached to a very large and attentive congregation, using for his text John, 19th Ch., 30th verse—"It is Finished."

After closing remarks by J. C. Blalock and S. M. Greene, the Association adjourned to meet with Aaron Baptist Church on Tuesday before the third Sunday in September, 1903.

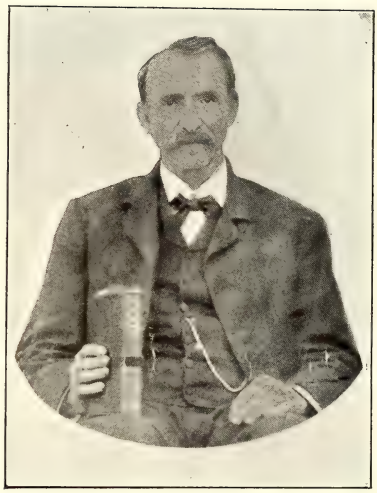
S. M. GREENE,
Moderator.

D. W. GREENE,
Clerk.

Year.	With What Church.	Moderator.	Clerks.	Preacher of Annual Sermon.	Month of Meeting.
1884	Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene	J W. Putman	L. H. Greene	September 14.
1885	Little Rock Creek	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putman	T. H. McCoury	September 15.
1886	Toe River	L. H. Greene	S. M. Collis	S. M. Collis	September 7.
1887	Elk Park	S. M. Collis	Wm. G. Buchanan	S. M. Greene	August 18.
1888	Mine Creek	J. W. Duncan	S. M. Greene	E. Buchanan	August 16.
1889	Grassy Creek	J. W. Duncan	S. M Greene	J C. Sparks	August 13.
1890	Aaron	S M. Greene	Wm. G. Buchanan	W. H. Ollis	September 25.
1891	Fork Mountain	J. C. Sparks	D W. Greene	L. H. Greene	September 24.
1892	Big Rock Creek	Wm. G Buchanan	J. W. Putman	W. A Roberson	September 22.
1893	Roan Mountain	L. H. Greene	S. M. Greene	L. H Greene	August 30.
1894	Big Meadows	S. M. Greene	J W. Putman	J. W. Putman	August 31.
1895	Lily Branch	L. H. Greene	D. W. Greene	J. W Putman	August 27.
1896	Mount Pleasant	S. M. Greene	do	G P. Bostic	September 3.
1897	Little Rock Creek	do	do	S. M. Greene	September 16.
1898	Bear Creek	do	do	P. J. Shell	September 15.
1899	Yellow Mountain	do	do	T. M. Honeycutt	September 14.
1900	Bakersville	do	do	A. E. Brown	September 13.
1901	Liberty Hill	do	do	J. B. Naugle	September 12.
1902	Cane Creek	do	do	J. W. Duncan	September 16.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 15, 1902.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Sundays of Worship.	Increase.			Decrease.			Total Membership.	Minute Fund.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Expenses.
				Baptisms.	By Letter.	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.							
Aaron	C. S. Farthing	W. B. Elliott	2d Sunday	----	3	1	1	----	1	37	$0.75	------	------	------	$36.00	------
Bakersville	L. H. Greene	J. D. Pannal	----------	----	----	----	1	----	2	60	.65	$2.50	$1.00	$1.30	20.00	$218.00
Bear Creek	S. M. Greene	Milton Buchanan	4th Sunday	----	2	3	25	3	3	225	1.60	2.50	22.00	------	42.00	15.00
Big Meadows	T. M. Reid	Z. D. Pyatt	2d Sunday	----	----	2	10	4	----	54	.55	------	------	------	22.00	3.00
Big Rock Creek	J. C. Sparks	S. B. Bailey	4th Sunday	8	----	2	----	----	----	118	.75	----	------	------	14.00	6.65
Burleson's Chapel	J. C. Sparks	Jesse Grindstaff	3d Sunday	10	3	6	5	6	----	81	.80	------	1.25	------	19 00	3.52
Cub Creek	J. C. Sparks	Doc. Hart	----------	27	2	4	6	----	3	97	.40	------	------	------	17.00	17.34
Cane Creek	L. H. Greene	C. H. Wise	2d Sunday	17	1	3	5	----	1	225	.75	------	2.35	------	65.00	1.41
Fork Mountain	L. H. Greene	D. M. Cook	1st Sunday	12	----	1	----	13	1	174	.85	------	------	------	42.00	6.50
Green Valley	J. B. Naugle	W. J. Bowman	4th Sunday	7	11	1	9	7	----	76	.81	------	------	------	36.00	10.00
Jonas Ridge	P. J. Shell	Eddie Barrier	4th Sunday	1	3	----	----	----	----	37	.35	1.65	------	------	25.00	5.00
Lily Branch	John A. Gouge	D. W. Greene	3d Sunday	13	3	----	8	2	----	124	1.00	------	2.00	------	16.00	9.00
Liberty Hill	John A. Gouge	S. M. Sparks	2d Sunday	----	----	----	----	7	1	58	.30	------	------	------	23.00	10.50
Little Rock Creek	J. C. Sparks	J. W. Buchanan	1st Sunday	16	3	7	----	6	3	218	1.25	------	------	------	49.00	------
McKinney Cove	C. H. McKinney	R. E. Ellis	4th Sunday	----	2	----	----	1	1	57	.55	------	------	1.40	10.00	14.00
Mine Creek	J. C. Thomas	R. M. Davis	1st Sunday	12	8	1	6	----	2	171	.60	------	5.05	------	32.00	48.00
Mount Pleasant	T. M. Reid	B. H. Benfield	1st Sunday	33	11	9	----	----	----	188	1.15	5.00	------	------	42.00	------
Mine Ridge	B. M. Hoyle	W. W. Gouge	2d Sunday	8	----	----	----	----	----	32	.35	------	------	------	------	------
Roaring Creek	D. A. Greene	W. M. Gardener	2d Sunday	----	----	----	1	5	1	76	.50	------	------	------	------	33.00
Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene	J. Z Singleton	3d Sunday	----	----	----	----	----	2	183	1.25	------	------	3.31	29.00	------
Silver Chapel	J. C. Thomas	W. J. Hensley	2d Sunday	1	----	5	8	14	----	85	.55	------	------	------	14.00	7.50
White Oak	S. M. Greene	R. B. McKinney	2d Sunday	14	1	2	2	1	----	70	.55	------	------	------	24.00	------
Henson's Creek	J. C. Sparks	J. M. Greer	----------	----	6	----	----	----	----	33	.45	------	------	------	10.00	------
Yellow Mountain	J. B. Naugle	R. B. Gaddy	2d Sunday	5	----	----	14	----	----	107	1.30	------	------	------	36.00	8.75
Grassy Creek	J. R. Waycaster	C. M. Hollifield	----------	10	----	----	1	2	----	----	1.00	------	5.00	------	------	7.00
Flat Rock	J. W. Duncan	R. V. Duncan	1st Sunday	14	38	----	1	----	2	50	.98	------	------	------	18 00	5.00
Red Hill	J. C. Thomas	S. H. Bryant	----------	4	5	----	----	----	----	----	.40	------	------	------	------	------
Oak Grove	T. M. Reid	A. A. Johnson	----------	4	4	----	----	----	----	50	.65	------	------	------	22.00	------
Pleasant Hill	J. C. Sparks	Vance Hicks	4th Sunday	3	6	----	----	----	----	37	.70	------	------	------	19.00	72.00



Rev. S. M. GREENE,

Moderator of Mitchell County Baptist Association.

Has served the Association twelve terms as their Moderator, and attended thirty-five sessions and never missed one during the thirty-five years.

He is recognized for his ability as a presiding officer, always cheerful and still possessing the qualities of a trne and noble-hearted Christian gentleman, which gives to body the dignity with which we hold him in our highest esteem.

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

MITCHELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

AND THE

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ROAN MOUNTAIN AND MITCHELL COUNTY ASSOCIATION COMBINED,

HELD WITH AARON BAPTIST CHURCH,
SEPTEMBER 15, 16 and 17, 1903.

The next Session of this body will be held with Roan Mountain Church, Clarissa, N. C., beginning on Tuesday before the Third Sunday in September, 1904.

Rev. J. M. REID to preach the Introductory Sermon.

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REV. J. W. PUTMAN, Historian ..... Magnetic City, N. C.
J. S. POTEET, Treasurer ..... Bakersville, N. C.

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S. M. Greene ..... Clarissa, N. C.
J. B. Naugle ..... Clarissa, N. C.
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Wm. Gardner ..... Senia, N. C.
J. W. Stamey ..... Plumtree, N. C.
L. Burleson ..... Bandana, N. C.
J. W. Carpenter ... Ingalls, N. C.
T. W. Keller .. Jonas' Ridge, N. C.
Anderson Sparks .. Ledger, N. C.
Rufus Hurt ..... Plumtree, N. C.
R. S. Hayes ..... Plumtree, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

AARON BAPTIST CHURCH, Sept. 15, 1903.

The Mitchell County Baptist Association met to-day in its twentieth Annual Session with Aaron Baptist Church at 10:30 a. m. Spent thirty minutes in prayer and song service.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. L. H. Greene, using for his text Matthew 16th chapter and 19th verse.

At the conclusion of the sermon the delegates were assigned their homes and a recess taken until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met in accordance to adjournment and the Moderator appointed Rev. W. H. Ollis and W. F. Dodson as reading clerks, who read letters from twenty-three churches.

Called for newly constituted churches, "Received none."

Then on motion the letters were received and the delegates seated in the body.

Then proceeded to organization of the body which resulted in the re-election of Rev. S. M. Greene as Moderator an W. F. Dodson Clerk.

On motion the Moderator called for correspondents and visitors from other Associations. The following were recognized and invited to seats: Revs. L. W. Farthing, C. S. Farthing, T. C. Harmon, Solomon Yonce, and Wellington Swift were received as correspondents from the Three Forks Association; Rev. P. J. Shell from Catawba Association; Joseph Sparks from Greene River Association; Rev. A. E. Brown, assistant corresponding secretary; Rev. A. B. Thomas, representing the *Biblical Recorder;* Rev. E. Lee Fox, principal Bowman Academy, were all duly received to seats with us.

Prof. W. C. Haltom, of Aaron Seminary, was kindly invited to a seat in our body during its session.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Preaching—Marion Buchanan, Wilburn Pittman, Russell Burleson, with the pastor and delegates of Aaron Church.

On Education—Rev. E. Lee Fox, D. W. Greene, and Rev. A. E. Brown.

On State Missions—Rev. L. H. Greene, Rev. P. J. Shell, and Rev. A. E. Brown.

On Foreign Missions—Rev. Solomon Yonce, and Rev. W. H. Ollis.

On Temperance—Rev. J. W. Duncan, Rev. L. W. Farthing, and J. R. Pritchard.

On Periodicals—Jas. Reid and Rev. A. B. Thomas.

On Orphanage—Rev. J. C. Blalock, D. J. English, and Vance Duncan.

On Finance—John Teems and David Cook.

On Woman's Work—Rev. J. W. Duncan, A. B. Thomas, and E. Lee Fox.

On Nominations—J. R. Pritchard and D. J. English.

The Committee on Periodicals report:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It does seem that every Baptist parent ought to be fully awakened to the importance of the kind of literature that goes into their homes. Our country and our homes are flooded with impure and

dangerous literature which is detrimental both to morality and Christianity. Our children have access to this pernicious stuff almost daily, and its fruits are already beginning to ripen in the moral and spiritual detriment of some of our young people, for there is no getting around the fact that people are largely what they read. And because this fact is true it is imperative that each Baptist family have their home supplied with the best possible literature and to this end we most heartily recommend to each Baptist parent in our bounds the *Biblical Recorder*, the oldest religious newspaper in North Carolina, the organ of the Baptist State Convention. It is wisely and ably edited by Rev. J. W. Bailey, and is sound, practical, and progressive. Also *The Skyland Baptist*, *Charity and Children*, and the *Foreign Mission Journal*, all of which are safe to go into the hands of our children.

JAS. B. REID, *Chairman.*
A. B. THOMAS.

The report was approved and Bro. A. B. Thomas gave quite an interesting talk in behalf of the *Biblical Recorder* and good Christian literature being placed in our homes.

The Committee on Preaching report that Rev. E. Lee Fox will preach to-night.

On motion adjourned to 8 o'clock a. m. to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

September 17th, 1903.

The Association reassembled according to adjournment. Opened by singing. Spent thirty minutes in devotional exercises conducted by Moderator.

The Association was then called to order by Moderator.

Motion to adopt the report on Program was carried.

An invitation was extended to any visiting brethren and W. J. Brazell, of the Holston Association of Tennessee, and L. G. Phillips, corresponding delegate of Wautauga Association, John Franklin, of Caldwell Association, were all seated with us.

Moved and carried that the next Association meet with the Roan Mountain Baptist church, at Clarissa, N. C., beginning on September 16th, 1904, and that Rev. Jas. B. Reid preach the introductory sermon and Isaac Grindstaff be his alternate.

Moved and carried that the minutes of the Mitchell County Sunday School Convention be added to our minutes.

Amount received from Sunday School Convention Clerk $2.40.

Motion carried that the Clerk have the minutes of the Association printed and receive for his service $7.50.

The letter of Yellow Mountain was read and received.

Proceedings of yesterday standing approved.

ENROLLMENT OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

1. Aaron—C. P. Brazwell, H. B. Elliott, Leroy Franklin.
2. Bakersville—Rev. L. H. Greene, W. F. Dodson.
3. Big Meadows—J. P. Benfield, Z. D. Pyatt, J. W. Stamey.
4. Bear Creek—D. J. English, M. V. Buchanan, Wilburn Pittman, and Isaac Grindstaff.
5. Burleson's Chapel—L. L. Ollis, Nathan Buchanan.
6. Cane Creek—W. M. Greene, W. M. Stamey.
7. Fork Mountain—D. M. Cook.

8. Grassy Creek—C. M. Hollifield, D. M. Washburn.
9. Greene Valley—D. T. Weatherman, Jas. A. Wetherman, and Rev. W. H. Ollis.
10. Jonas Ridge—A. H. Barrier, J. L. Teem, L. C. Shell, and W. M. Barrier.
11. Oak Grove—A. J. Taylor, A. A. Johnson, Noah Dean.
12. Pleasant Hill—B. A. Ollis, W. M. Buchanan, and J. H. Buchanan.
13. Red Hill—R. Buchanan.
14. Roaring Creek—Roby Lewis, W. M. Gardner.
15. Roan Mountain—Rev. S. M. Greene.
16. Mine Creek—S. G. Parsons.
17. Mount Pleasant—Russell Burleson, B. H. Benfield, Finley Franklin, M. Johnson and Joe Burleson.
18. McKinney Cove—Samuel McKinney and Adam Buchanan.
19. White Oak—M. Wilson, Maning Leadford, and Fred. A. McKinney.
20. Yellow Mountain—S. C. Brazwell.
21. Lilly Branch—J. J. Murdock and D. W. Greene.
22. Flat Rock—R. V. Duncan, M. T. Ellis.
23. Linville—J. W. Cairway, J. E. Henley, and J. L. Hartley.
24. Spring Creek—Millard Francis.
25. Peppers Creeks—Thos. Lowrey, Martin Washburn.
26. Elk Park—J. R. Pritchard.
27. Silver Chapel—C. B. Morgan and D. P. Chanler.

A committee, composed of Rev. A. E. Brown, P. J. Shell, and J. R. Pritchard was appointed to answer query of Rev. J. C. Blalock. Query was: "What should be the attitude of our churches towards so-called sanctificationist preachers who teach sinless perfection in the flesh?" Answer:

"Our churches should not open the doors of their meeting houses to them, nor in any way encourage the people to listen to them (See Romans 16: 17-18). We should exercise patience towards our members who have been deluded by these teachers so long as patience seems to be wise. We further rocommend that our people and pastors be firm and plain in dealing with this new form of Pharisaism.

P. J. Shell,
A. E. Brown,
J. R. Pritchard,
Committee.

Brother Shell gave some good advice about this so-called sanctification and warned the churches to beware of them as they would come to us in sheeps clothing. Rev. S. C. Farthing quoted good Scriptural proof against this doctrine. Also Rev. A. E. Brown read Scripture which warned us, and offered some good Gospel proof whereby we should be cautious and admonished us to watch as well as pray, lest we were taken unawares by this so-called doctrine which was well received by the Association.

The Moderator offered some timely thoughts along this line.

The report was unanimously adopted.

Prof. B. B. Dougherty, of Boone, was recognized and seated with us.

The report on Education was read by Rev. A. E. Brown.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

North Carolina is beginning to awaken to the importance of education. More is being said upon the subject than ever before. Larger sums of money are being expended upon our schools than ever before and a larger number of pupils are attending school in our State than ever before. More and better buildings are being erected. But your committee would especially emphasize at this time the importance of secondary schools, and insist that these schools be kept free from State control.

Our Associational School, under the management of Prof. E. Lee Fox, a graduate of Wake Forest College, continues to offer superior advantages to the young people of Mitchell County. We urge the delegates to keep this institution before the people of their communities, and encourage our boys and girls to attend this our institution.

Why should not Mitchell County have as good a school as any county in the State? Why should our boys and girls go outside the county to find a secondary school? So long as our people are indifferent to our own school or fail to recognize the advantages it offers, just so long do they stand in their own light and sacrifice their own best interests. We appeal for loyalty to this our school.

We commend to those seeking higher education Wake Forest College and the Female University, and we do not hesitate to say that these schools offer superior advantages to any in the State.

A. E. BROWN,
E. LEE FOX,
D. W. GREENE.

Rev. E. Lee Fox, Prof. B. B. Dougherty, and Rev. A. E. Brown, gave some good and timely thoughts along the line of higher Christian education.

Bro. Brown made an effective appeal to the brethren of the Association to stand by Prof. E. Lee Fox with their prayers and means to make Bowman Academy a better and nobler school during the present session than ever before.

Motion to adjourn for noon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled according to adjournment. The committee's report on Education was adopted.

The following report on Woman's Work was submitted by Rev. E. Lee Fox of the committee.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

There is a work for each Christian to do. The glorious work the Woman's Missionary Society has done for missions in our land is a proof of its importance. Woman's Missionary Societies have been organized in various parts of the State. These Societies have raised more money for missions in proportion to their number and members of each than any other organization. Therefore we recommend that a Society be organized in each Baptist church in Mitchell County Baptist Association.

E. LEE FOX,
A. B. THOMAS,
J. W. DUNCAN.

After some remarks by Rev. E. Lee Fox, Rev. J. W. Duncan, Rev. J. C. Blalock, A. E. Brown, and the Moderator, the report was adopted.

The following report on State Missions was read by Rev. A. E. Brown, after which pledges were taken amounting to $48.50 from the different churches, to be paid during the year:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

This department of the work of your Board consists in:

1. Preaching the gospel in the destitute portions of the State.
2. Strengthening the churches at strategic points in the rapidly-growing manufacturing towns.
3. Assisting in the development, through schools, of the great mountain section.

Your Board is prosecuting these three lines of work as effectually as the means at their disposal will admit.

No work of North Carolina Baptists has been more signally blessed than the work of State Missions, and no work has yielded larger returns for the money expended, and surely no Baptist church nor member of a Baptist church can afford to be indifferent to this work.

L. H. GREEN,
P. J. SHELL.

The report on State Missions was adopted.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted. Motion to re-elect J. S. Poteat as Treasurer was unanimous:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The amount which I have received for the Bowman Academy since September 12, 1902, to September 14, 1903, was $75.58. The amount paid out, $25.58. Leaving a balance on hand of $50.00.

J. S. POTEET, *Treasurer.*

September 14, 1903.

The report on Finance was read and adopted. Amount received, $24.80.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have collected from the different churches minute funds amounting to $24.80, all of which has been turned over to the Clerk of the Association.

L. C. SHELL,
D. M. COOK,
Committee.

Motion to take up a special collection to-morrow for Bro. T. L. Blalock, who is missionary in China.

The committee reports that Rev. A. E. Brown will preach to-morrow at the close of the session.

The session was closed by singing and benediction by Rev. L. H. Greene.

NIGHT SESSION

Met in pursuance to adjournment, with Rev. L. H. Greene, Moderator *pro tem.* and was opened by singing and prayer by Solomon Yonce.

The report on Temperance was read by Prof. W. C. Haltom, and spoke by J. C. Blalock, W. L. Farthing, Solomon Yonce, A. E. Brown and A. B. Thomas.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, the undersigned Committee, beg leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS, The manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors in the land has become the great foe of all moral, civil and religious progress; and whereas, this blighting curse is ruining the young men of our country and making demons of loving husbands and affectionate fathers, thus bringing grief, want and discord to many happy homes and leaving nothing but death and destitution in the wake of its awful progress; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the Mitchell County Baptist Association, take an unflinching stand against this soul-destroying business, and seek its extirpation by all lawful and Christian means.

Resolved 2nd. That we regard the use of tobacco in the form of cigarettes a great evil, and will discourage its use by precept and example as far as possible, and that the physiological effects of narcotics shall be taught in all the schools under our care.

J. W. DUNCAN, *Chairman.*
L. W. FARTHING.

The report was adopted.

Motion to adjourn, to meet at 8.30 a. m. to-morrow. Benediction by W. B. Thomas.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY MORNING.

The Association met again according to adjournment. Spent thirty minutes in devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. A. E. Brown.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator.

The report on Bowman Academy was read by the Clerk and spoken to by Rev. L. H. Greene and Rev. A. E. Brown, after which pledges were taken to pay the remainder of indebtedness against Bowman Academy.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF BOWMAN ACADEMY.

The Trustees of Bowman Academy beg leave to submit the following report:

During the year just closed we have made some small repairs, which you can see by the Treasurer's report, of only $25.58 expended. The amount subscribed last Association was $97.50; collected during the year, $75.58; leaving a balance of $21.92 yet unpaid. The balance in the hands of the Treasurer is $50.00, the amount donated by Bakersville church.

Now we earnestly appeal to the sister churches to come to our relief and help us clean out this indebtedness, which is $525.00; one note of $225.00 is past due. Let us all give of our means *all* we can and raise this debt and be ready at our next Association to bring the glad news that Bowman Academy is now out of debt, and have a big educational rally and give God the praise for helping us out of this great burden.

Our school is now under the management of Rev. E. Lee Fox, and has opened up with quite an encouraging prospect.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. GREENE,
W. M. GREENE,
W. F. DODSON,
Committee.

The following pledges from the various churches and persons were received:

Bakersville church	$5.00
Roan Mountain church	5.00
Aaron church	5.00
Cane Creek church	5.00
Elk Park church	5.00
Bear Creek church	5.00
Big Meadows church	5.00
Mt. Pleasant church	5.00
Burleson's chapel	5.00
Greene Valley church	5.00
Jonas Ridge church	5.00
Oak Grove church	5.00
Mine Creek church	5.00
Roaring Creek church	5.00
White Oak church	5.00
Grassy Creek church	5.00
Red Hill church	5.00
Pleasant Hill church	5.00
A. E. Brown, individual	5.00
L. H. Greene, individual	5.00
W. M. Greene, individual	5.00
W. F. Dodson, individual	5.00
J. B. Reid, individual	1.00
J. L. Horlly, individual	1.00
J. H. Blalock, individual	1.00
J. C. Blalock, individual	1.00

This amount was to be paid by the last of November, 1903.
The report was adopted.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

By order of the Association we beg leave to nominate the following ladies as a Central Committee of Woman's Work: Mrs. Lucretia Young, Miss Larcenie Buchanan, Mrs. J. R. Pritchard, Mrs. J. S. Poteet, and Miss Lottie Ollis.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Brown,
J. C. Blalock,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Report of our missionary, Rev. L. H. Greene, was read by the Clerk and adopted.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

Dear Brethren:—Separate and apart from my church work I have labored thirty-nine days at Red Hill and Spruce Pine. Received on pledges made for the missionary:

Cane Creek	$12.00
Bear Creek	12.00
Bakersville	1.03
Lilly Branch	1.00
	$26.03

I have received for all work done for the year, $265.00; baptized 30 persons; collected for Foreign Missions, $5.00; State Missions, $4.00.

As your missionary, I recommend that this Association look after the Baptist interests at Spruce Pine and other places of importance in our county.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. Greene,
Missionary.

Rev. L. H. Greene was elected as missionary for the ensuing year.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. W. H. Ollis, and was spoke to by Rev. A. E. Brown in his always forcible manner.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions wishes to make the following suggestions:

That owing to the increased demand for more laborers in the foreign field and the apparent success of those who are already at work trying to save the heathen in foreign lands, we recommend that we give them more liberal support, both in our prayers, our sympathy and our money. The great forward move that is taking such hold on the hearts of the people in education, in temperance and in general advancement, ought also to be intensely felt in every heart for the great work of sending the message of truth and life to the perishing millions of earth.

Brethren, if the religion of Jesus Christ is worth so much to us, and if His divine love has found a place in our hearts, how can we refuse to make strenuous efforts to give the same great boon of life to the millions whose souls can only be fitted for heaven by the divine love of our Savior? We earnestly recommend a more liberal support of the great Foreign Mission work.

SOLOMON YONCE,
W. H. OLLIS,
Committee.

Pledges were taken from the churches as follows for Bro. T. L. Blalock:

Aaron church	$3.00
Bakersville church	2.50
Bear Creek church	5.00
Greene Valley church	2.50
Jonas Ridge church	2.00
Mt. Pleasant church	5.00
J. B. Reid, individual	1.00

A general collection was taken up for Bro. T. L. Blalock.

Report on nominations was read and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to submit the following names as Trustees for Bowman Academy: Rev. L. H. Greene, W. M. Greene, W. F. Dodson, S. J. Black, C. F. Baker, Lafayette Buchanan, J. S. Poteet, R. M. Davis, J. C. Bowman, Geo. K. Pritchard, Chas. E. Greene, D. J. English, W. M. Stamey, Fred. Buchanan, Rev. E. Lee Fox.

J. R. PRITCHARD,
D. J. ENGLISH,
Committee.

The following Trustees for the Bowman Academy were duly elected: Rev. L. H. Greene, Lafayette Buchanan, S. J. Black, W. M. Greene, W. F. Dodson, C. F. Baker, J. S. Poteet, Geo. K. Pritchard, R. M. Davis, Chas. E. Greene, J. C. Bowman, D. J. English, W. M. Stamey, Fred. Buchanan, Rev. E. Lee Fox.

Report on Orphanage read by J. C. Blalock; spoke to by J. C. Blalock.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

We, your Committee on the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, beg leave to make the following report:

The Orphaange was opened for the reception of orphan children November 1, 1884—nineteen years ago. We are informed that the plant now consists of nineteen brick buildings and three wooden buildings, besides other necessary out buildings, with a farm of three hundred and fifty acres of land, stocked with horses and mules and other live stock.

The first orphan was received in the Orphanage November 1, 1884. Since that time seven hundred and thirty or forty have been received and about five hundred have gone out from the institution and are now filling important places in the business world. We learn that there is two hundred and sixty-two on the roll at present, and a great many applicants that can not be accommodated for the lack of room.

We, your Committee, respectfully submit that the highest expression of a Christian and Christian growth is found in the care of the orphan and helpless, and tenderly cares for the helpless and provides for it food and a home.

We would further recommend that the churches of this Association do more for the orphans at Thomasville in the future than in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BLALOCK, *Chm.*
D. J. ENGLISH.

Report on Orphanage was adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the membrs of this church and Prof. W. C. Haltom for so kindly giving us the use of the Seminary, and the community for their generous hospitality.

Motion was carried that business session of this body now close.

After singing, Rev. A. E. Brown preached to a large and attentive congregation, using for his text, 1st Corinthians, 15th chapter and 10th verse: "His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain."

The Moderator, after offering his thanks to the body for their many kindnesses to him, asked the congregation to join in singing and give the parting hand to meet him and one another in the Association above.

REV. S. M. GREENE, *Moderator.*

W. F. DODSON, *Clerk.*
Bakersville, N. C., Sept. 17, 1903.

Year.	With What Church.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Preacher of Annual Sermon.	Month of Meeting.
1884	Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putman	L. H. Greene	September 14
1885	Little Rock Creek	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putman	T. H. McCoury	September 15
1886	Toe River	L. H. Greene	S. M. Collis	S. M. Collis	September 7
1887	Elk Park	S. M. Collis	Wm. G. Buchanan	S. M. Greene	August 18
1888	Mine Creek	J. W. Duncan	S. M. Greene	E. Buchanan	August 16
1889	Gr ssy Creek	J. W. Duncan	S. M. Greene	J. C. Sparks	August 13
1890	Aaron	S. M. Greene	Wm. G. Buchanan	W. H. Ollis	September 25
1891	Fork Mountain	J. C. Sparks	D. W. Greene	L. H. Greene	September 24
1892	Big Rock Creek	Wm. G. Buchanan	J. W. Putman	W. A. Roberson	September 22
1893	Roan Mountain	L. H. Greene	S. M. Greene	L. H. Greene	August 30
1894	Big Meadows	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putman	J. W. Putman	August 31
1895	Lily Branch	L. H. Greene	D. W. Greene	J. W. Putman	August 27
1896	Mount Pleasant	S. M. Greene	do	G. P. Bostic	September 3
1897	Little Rock Creek	do	do	S. M. Greene	September 16
1898	Bear Creek	do	do	P. J. Shell	September 15
1899	Yellow Mountain	do	do	T. M. Honeycutt	September 14
1900	Bakersville	do	do	A. E. Brown	September 13
1901	Liberty Hill	do	do	J. B. Naugle	September 12
1902	Cane Creek	do	do	J. W. Duncan	September 16
1903	Aaron	do	W. F. Dodson	L. H. Greene	September 15

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 15, 1903.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Sunday of Worship.	Increase.			Decreased.			Total Membership.	Minute Fund.	Education.	Foreign Mission.	State Mission.	Orphanage.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Expenses.
				Baptisms.	By Letter.	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.								
Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene	J. Z. Singleton	3d Sunday	2	1	1	13	1	----	173	$1.10	$----	$5.00	$2.00	$----	$34.68	$----
Grassy Creek	And'son Sparks	C. M. Hallifield		2	----	----	1	4	5	130	.60	----	----	----	----	----	----
Bear Creek	S. M. Greene	Milt'n Buchanan	4th do	17	3	2	4	8	3	232	3.05	29.50	87.50	8.00	----	55.00	71.05
Little Rock Creek	Not represented			----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Big Rock Creek	Not represented			----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Mine Creek	Isaac Grindstaff	R. M. Davis	3d do	----	----	3	1	14	1	153	.85	----	----	----	----	----	----
Fork Mountain	L. H. Greene	D. M. Cook	1st do	2	----	----	5	11	1	156	1.85	----	----	1.10	----	55.30	----
Big Meadows	E. Isaacs	Z. D. Pyatt	2d do	5	1	2	1	1	----	57	.35	----	----	----	----	----	----
Lily Branch	J. C. Thomas	D. W. Greene	3d do	----	----	1	3	12	----	110	1.00	----	4.30	1.00	----	15.00	----
Cane Creek	S. M. Greene	C. H. Wise		6	12	----	7	7	1	225	1.05	----	----	12.00	----	39.70	21.55
Yellow Mountain	J. B. Naugle	R. B. Gaddy	1st do	----	----	----	----	1	----	120	1.35	----	----	----	----	36.00	----
Mt. Pleasant	T. M. Reid	B. H. Be ifield	1st do	6	4	----	5	15	4	168	1.00	----	5.00	----	----	46.00	11.50
Bakersville	L. H. Greene	M. D. Wilson	4th do	17	----	----	4	4	----	112	1.20	50.00	5.00	1.51	12.50	65.00	----
Cub Creek	Not represented			----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Roaring Creek	J. C. Sparks	W. M. Gardner	2d do	----	----	----	----	5	----	65	.45	----	----	----	----	----	10.45
Toe River	Not represented			----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Jonas Ridge	J. M. Harris	E. Barrier	4th do	6	----	3	----	----	----	46	.45	----	3.25	----	----	42.00	200.00
Pepper's Creek	J. C. Sparks	M. Washburn	3d do	3	----	3	----	1	2	58	.75	----	----	----	----	----	----
Liberty Hill	Not represented			----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
White Oak	S. M Greene	R. B. McKinney	2d do	5	1	----	1	----	----	78	1.05	----	----	2.10	----	22.00	----
Elk Park	S. W. King	J. N. Pritchard	2d do	----	2	----	1	----	----	73	.80	----	1.75	----	1.50	31.21	----
Green Valley	J. B. Naugle	W. J. Bowman	4th do	4	4	----	----	----	----	71	----	----	4.55	----	4.00	36.00	----
Big Crabtree	Not represented			----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Black Mountain	Not represented			----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Silver Chapel	S. D. Tipton	C. B. Morgan	1st do	----	----	3	----	2	1	86	.55	----	4.30	----	5.00	25.00	46.00
Chestnut Grove	Not represented			----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
McKinney Cove	C. H. McKinney	R. E. Ellis	4th do	7	2	1	----	1	----	69	.50	----	----	----	----	13.80	40.00
Burleson's Chapel	Thos. M. Reid	Jesse Grindstaff	3d do	2	4	----	1	1	1	67	.70	----	2.76	----	----	25.00	----
Aaron	C. S. Farthing	W. B. Elliot	2d do	----	----	1	1	----	1	36	.65	----	3.00	----	----	25.00	----
Linville	Calvin Farthing	Jos. Cainway	2d do	----	2	----	----	----	----	28	.85	----	2.25	----	.50	33.00	----
Red Hill	Isaac Grindstaff	Geo. Turbyfield	2d do	----	----	----	1	----	----	18	.50	----	----	----	----	15.00	----
Oak Grove	T. M. Reid	A. A. Johnson		17	----	----	2	----	----	62	1.15	----	----	----	----	79.51	----
Pleasant Hill	J. C. Sparks		4th do	9	----	----	----	1	1	51	.75	----	----	----	----	14.61	35.75
Spring Creek	J. W. Putman	Natt Gouge		1	3	----	----	----	----	25	.70	----	----	----	----	----	----
Flat Rock	J. W. Duncan	R. V. Duncan	1st do	2	5	----	----	----	----	56	1.00	----	----	----	----	20.00	14.00
Hanson Creek	Not represented			----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Mine Ridge	Not represented			----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Totals				113	44	20	51	89	21	2,505	23.85	79.50	128.66	27.71	23.50	708.81	450.30

MINUTES

OF THE

MITCHELL COUNTY SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION,

HELD WITH

Bakersville Sunday School,

August 21, 22 and 23, 1903.

The next Session of this Convention will be held with Bear Creek Sunday School, beginning on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1904.

Rev. L. H. GREENE to preach the Introductory Sermon.
J. C. SPARKS, Alternate.

RALEIGH:
PRESSES OF EDWARDS & BROUGHTON.
1903.

PROCEEDINGS.

August 21, 1903.

The Mitchell County Sunday School Convention met in annual session with Bakersville Sunday School August 21, 1903, at 11 o'clock a. m. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. S. M. Greene. Text, the Acts, 16th chapter and a part of the 28th verse, "Do thyself no harm for we are all here." At the conclusion of the sermon the President announced the following committees:

On Program—Rev. S. M. Greene, George Buchanan, J. C. Bowman, W. S. Buchanan and Rev. L. H. Greene.
On Preaching—J. C. Bowman, J. S. Poteet and J. Z. Singleton.
On Finance—M. D. Wilson and A. Sparks.

On motion a Committee on Orphanage was added. C. E. Halton, P. H. Grindstaff and Rev. R. M. Young were appointed.

The time of the present officers having expired, the Convention proceeded to elect a President and Secretary, which resulted in the re-election of Isaac Grindstaff, President, and Roby. T. Lewis, Secretary.

There were letters read from twelve Sunday Schools, and delegates' names enrolled as follows:

Bakersville—C. E. Holton and Stokes Buchanan.
Bear Creek—Starlin Spark, J. W. Pitman, J. A. Buchanan.
Cub Creek—Hettie Slagle and William Canipe.
Cane Creek—Eddie Gouge, Chas. Buchanan, Miss Agnes Greene and Annie Greene.
Fork Mountain—Celia Birchfield.
Mine Creek—Rev. Isaac Grindstaff, P. H. Grindstaff.
McKinney Cove—Chas. McKinney, P. M. Wilson and Samuel McKinney.
Pleasant Hill—Malton Buchanan, Jones McCoury.
Roaring Creek—Roby T. Lewis.
Roan Mountain—Rev. S. M. Greene, N. Young, Ella Young, J. Z. Singleton and Esther Buchanan.
Silver Chapel—W. J. Hensely. Dosser Chandler, Mollie Morgan, Myrtle Jarrett and Mamie Chandler.
White Oak—Daisy Wilson, Brown McKinney and A. T. McKinney.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 2.30 o'clock p. m.

Evening Session.

The Convention met according to adjournment. The choir spent fifteen minutes in excellent singing. Rev. R. M. Young led the Convention in prayer.

The Committee on Program made its report. Report adopted.

Committee on Orphanage made report.

On motion, agreed to take it up for discussion on the day following at 10.30 o'clock a. m.

It was ordered that the next session of this Convention be held with Bear Creek Sunday School, and begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1903, and that Rev. L. H. Greene preach the introductory sermon, and that Rev. J. C. Sparks be his alternate.

On motion, the queries on the program were taken up:

First question: What should be the qualification of Sunday School superintendents and teachers? Discussed by Rev. S. M. Greene, Rev. R. M. Young, Hon. J. C. Bowman and W. S. Buchanan in interesting speeches.

Second question: What is the best plan to get all of the people to attend Sunday School? Speeches were made on the subject by Rev. L. H. Greene and others.

On motion, Brother Spark was relieved from Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Preaching report that Rev. Isaac Grindstaff will preach at night.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at 8.30 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY.

August 22, 1903.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment; spent twenty minutes in praise services, conducted by W. S. Buchanan. Rev. Chas. McKinney led the Convention in prayer.

Third question on program was taken up: Is it the best to have a Conventional minute printed as report to the Association? Remarks were made by J. C. Bowman and others.

On motion, a committee was appointed to say, Chas. McKinney, Samuel McKinney and N. Young were appointed, who reported in favor of reporting to the Association.

The hour having arrived to take up the report on Orphanage, the Convention proceeded to consider the same. Speeches were made on the subject by C. E. Holton and others. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANAGE.

Your Committee on Orphanage beg leave to submit the following report:

We desire to commit ourselves unqualifiedly to the great denominational work of the Thomasville Orphanage and give to it our moral and financial support in taking care of our fatherless ones. We believe that the care and instruction of the poor and neglected children under our State Constitution is just as important as the training of our own in the Sunday School. The divine injunction to care for the widow and the orphan comes to us more pressing at this time, considering the number that are knocking at the Orphanage door. We now have 260 children to clothe, feed and instruct, and with the addition of the three buildings that have so generously been donated, we will have room for 400, but, brethren, this means more money, and we urgently ask that one collection each month be given to this most important work.

Fraternally submitted,

C. E. HOLTON,
For Committee.

On motion, adjourned 'till 2 o'clock p. m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met according to adjournment. After singing and prayer, the Convention proceeded to transact the business.

J. C. Bowman offered the following:

Resolved, That realizing the great good that is being done to the orphans of our State by the Thomasville Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., we, the Sabbath School Convention now in session with Bakers-

ville Sabbath School, hereby earnestly recommend that each of our various Sabbath Schools of this Convention take up one collection each month for the support of the Thomasville Orphanage. Said collection to be taken up on the Sabbath of the monthly meeting.

J. C. BOWMAN.

The above report was adopted.

On motion, Rev. R. M. Young was appointed Missionary to visit the Sabbath Schools not represented in this Convention in the interest of the Thomasville Orphanage.

The Convention again takes up the program:

Fourth question: What is the leading sin of the day? Discussed by Rev. Isaac Grindstaff, J. C. Thomas, L. H. Greene, S. M. Greene, W. S. Buchanan and J. C. Bowman in interesting speeches

On motion, the Convention adjourned 'till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SUNDAY—August 23, 1903.

The Convention met to-day in Sunday School Mass-meeting, conducted by J. C. Bowman, Superintendent of Bakersville Sunday School.

After taking up and discussing the lesson of to-day the Convention adjourned to meet with Bear Creek Sunday School on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1904.

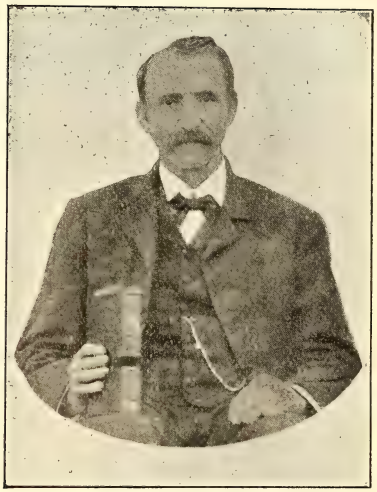
Let us have a fuller representation next year.

ISAAC GRINDSTAFF, *President.*

ROBY T. LEWIS, *Secretary.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLE.

Name of School.	Superintendent.	Secretary.	Post Office	Number Enrolled.	Average Attendance	Number of Teachers.	Minute Fund.	Other Expenses
Bakersville	J. C Bowman	W. F. Dodson	Bakersville, N. C.	148	75	6	$1.00	$48.00
Bear Creek	M. Buchanan	S A. Sparks	Ledger		98	9		58.68
Cub Creek	S. W. Conley	Wm. Canipe	Bakersville	66	53	6	.40	7.90
Cane Creek	Wm. Greene	Agnes Greene	Clarissa	100	75		.60	19.69
Fork Mountain	J. H. Childers	H. R. Hughes	Little Rock Creek	100	75	9	.55	8.00
Mine Creek	R. M. Davis	W. L. McNeill	Bakersville	107	75	7		15.37
McKinney Cove	P. M. Wilson	R. Buchanan		50	40	4	.30	5.00
Pleasant Hill	B. A. Ollis	C. T. Hicks	Frank	54		5	.40	
Roaring Creek	Wm Gardner	R. T. Lewis	Valley	62	45	5	.25	2.54
Roan Mountain			Clarissa					
Silver Chapel	W. A. Roberson	C B. Morgan		116	80		.45	35.16
White Oak	A. T. McKinney	Beatrice McKinnoy	Bakersville	75	41			8.87
Dr. R. V Butt							.50	
Totals				824	711	45	4.45	209.21



REV. S. M. GREENE,

Moderator of Mitchell County Baptist Association.

This is the fourteenth term as Moderator. Attended thirty-six sessions, not missing one during the thirty-six years.

Our Moderator is not surpassed in North Carolina, and doubt if his equal has ever presided over an Association with more dignity and zealous interest than has our dearly beloved brother. All who know him love him. May God bless his remaining days to the advancement of His cause.

MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-First Annual Session

OF THE

MITCHELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

AND THE

Fifty-Fifth Annual Session

OF THE

Roan Mountain and Mitchell County Association,

COMBINED.

HELD WITH

ROAN MOUNTAIN CHURCH, September 13, 14 and 15, 1904.

The next Session of this body will be held with Roaring Creek Church, P. O., Valley, N. C., 16 miles North-east of Bakersville, beginning on Tuesday before the Third Sunday in September, 1905.

L. H. GREENE to preach the Introductory Sermon.
ISAAC GRINDSTAFF, Alternate.

NASH BROS.
BOOK AND COMMERCIAL PRINTERS,
GOLDSBORO, N. C.

OFFICERS.

Rev. S. M. Greene, Moderator.....Clarissa, N. C.
W. F. Dodson, Clerk.....Bakersville, N. C.
J. S. Poteet, Treasurer.....Bakersville, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

L. H. Greene.....Bakersville, N. C.
J. C. Sparks.....Bakersville, N. C.
C. H. McKinney....Bakersville, N. C.
Isaac Grindstaff.....Bakersville, N. C.
R. M. Young.....Bakersville, N. C.
Isaac KcKinney.....Bakersville, N. C.
J. W. Duncan.....Ledger, N. C.
J. C. Blalock.....Ledger, N. C.
D. A. Gouge ... .Bandana, N. C.
J. C. Thomas.....Bandana, N. C.
S. A. Hughes.....Valley, N. C.
S. M. Pittman.....Frank, N. C.
E. A. Stamey.....Altamont, N. C.
R. Pitman.....Ledger, N. C.
Anderson Sparks.....Ledger, N. C.
James B. Reid..... ... Hughes, N. C.
Thomas M. Reid.....Hughes, N. C.
E. Isaacs.....Hughes, N. C.
E. M. Johnson.. ....Plumtree, N. C.
W. H. Ollis.....Ingalls, N. C.
J. R. Waycaster.....Estatoe, N. C.
B. M. Hoyle .....Estatoe, N. C.
J. R. Boone.....Estatoe, N. C.
S. M. Greene .....Clarissa, N. C
W. S. Buchanan... ....Clarissa, N. C.
H. B. Buchanan.....Glen Ayre, N. C.
J. W. Putman....Magnetic City, N. C.
W. D. Mace.....Linville Falls, N. C.
R. S. Hayes .....Saginaw, N. C

LICENTIATES.

William Gardner.....Senia, N. C.
J. W. Stamey.....Plumtree, N. C.
L. Burleson..... Bandana, N. C.
J. W. Carpenter.....Hughes, N. C.
T. W. Keller.....Jonas' Ridge, N. C.
Rufus Hurt... . .....Plumtree, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

CLARISSA, N. C., September 13, 1904.

The Mitchell County Baptist Association met this day in the Roan Mountain Baptist church, and at 10:30 A. M., was called to order by Rev. S. M. Greene, the Moderator of the preceding Association, and after reading of the 95th Psalm by the Moderator prayer was offered by Bro. J. T. Beaver, of Burnsville. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. T. M. Reid from 10th chapter of Romans, part of 13th, 14th and 15th verses, after which short talks were given by the Moderator and Hight C. Moore.

Adjourned for noon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met in accordance to adjournment. The Moderator, John Miller and J. B. Reid, with the delegates, received and read letters from twenty-five churches.

On motion, the Moderator called for newly constituted churches. Received one.

Motion carried to receive the Beaver Creek Baptist church into full fellowship with the Mitchell County Association.

Next in order was the election of Moderator, which resulted in the re-election of Rev. S. M. Greene, Moderator, and W. F. Dodson, Clerk.

On motion, the Moderator called for visiting brethren, and the following were introduced and their presence was recognized: Rev. J. T. Beaver as correspondent from Yancey Association; Hight C. Moore, Field Sunday School Secretary of the State Convention; Rev. J. M. Lewis, of Holston Association, Tenn.; Rev. David Greene, as correspondent of Three Forks Association; Rev. W. H. Woodall, representing the Bible Work of the State, also the *Skyland Baptist;* Thomas Hensley as correspondent from Yancey Association.

The Moderator appointed committees as follows:

Committee on Preaching—Sidney Wilson, W. M. Greene, with the pastor and delegates of Roan Mountain church.
Committee on Education—L. H. Greene, Hight C. Moore, E. B. Dougherty.
Committee on State Missions—Isaac Grindstaff, Thomas Hensley.
Committee on Temperance—J. C. Thomas, J. T. Beaver.
Committee on Periodicals—W. H Ollis, J. T. Beaver, W. H. Woodall.
Committee on Orphanage—J. C. Blalock, David Greene.
Committee on Woman's Work—Thomas Reid. J. M. Lewis.
Committee on Nominations—R. M. Young, Hugh Ward.
Committee on Ministerial Work—R. T. Lewis. Milton Buchanan.
Committee on Finance—W. M. Beddix, J. Z. Singleton.

Committee on Foreign Missions—J W. Duncan, W. S. Buchanan, Hight C. Moore.

Motion carried to appoint a Committee on Ministerial Aid, consisting of J. C. Sparks, J. B. Reid and L. H. Greene.

Committee on State of Churches—J. B. Reid, Isaac Grindstaff, J. C. Thomas.

Motion carried to adopt the last session's program.

The Moderator read the assignment of the delegates to their homes.

The Moderator asked Bro. W. H. Woodall to conduct the devotional exercises to-morrow at 9 A. M.

Motion to adjourn. Benediction by W. H. Woodall.

Preaching to-night by Rev. J. M. Lewis.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

September 14, 1904.

The Association reassembled according to adjournment. Opened by singing. Devotional services conducted by W. H. Woodall reading for his lesson the 12th chapter of Romans.

The body was called to order by the Moderator.

Reading of three more letters by the Clerk.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren. Prof. B. B. Dougherty, of Boone, was recognized.

Roll of churches called and absent delegates marked:

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

1. Roan Mountain — S. M. Greene, W. S. Buchanan, J. C. Wilson, Othan Greene, Sr
2. Bear Creek—I. Grindstaff, John Willis, Milton Buchanan, J. C. Blalock, J. W. Duncan, Anderson Sparks, Reuben Pitman.
3. Little Rock Creek—H. B. Buchanan, G. H. Ward, W. M. Ellis.
4. Mine Creek—Isaac Grindstaff, R. M. Young, James Davis, Robert Johnson.
5. Fork Mountain—D. M. Cook, J. H. Childress, David McKinney.
6. Lily Branch—S. M. Sparks, D. W. Greene, J. J. Murdock, Paran Wilson.
7. Cane Creek—S. H. Buchanan, William Ward, Robert Buchanan, C. H. Wise, M. B. Greene, W. M. Greene.
8. Yellow Mountain—D. C. Gaddy.
9. Mt. Pleasant—Joe Burleson, Paran Johnson, Trim Penley, Lewis Reid.
10. Bakersville—L. H. Greene, W. F. Dodson, J. S. Poteet, James M. Greene, T. C. Greene, C. E. Greene.
11. Cub Creek—J C. Sparks, James Hailman.
12. Roaring Creek—S. A. Hughes, W. M. Gardiner, R. T. Lewis, W. L. McKinney.
13. Jonas' Ridge—A. H. Barrier, J. L. Teems.
14. Liberty Hill—W. A. McKinney, L. L. Cox, Charlie Woody.
15. White Oak—S. L. Wilson, A. L. Grindstaff, J. I. Buchanan, M. Wilson.
16. Greene Valley—W. H. Ollis.
17. Silver Chapel—D. R. Silver, Milton Roberson, Marsh Putman, Willard Howell.
18. McKinney Cove—C. H. McKinney, P. M. Wilson, W. A. McKinney, Alphonso Young.

19. Burleson Chapel—L. L. Ollis, W. M Pyatt, Henry Hailman.
20. Aaron—John A. Miller.
21. Linville—Letter; no delegates.
22. Red Hill—R. Buchanan, S. H. Bryant, W. G. Turbyfield, R. V. Tipton.
23. Oak Grove—W. M. Oaks
24. Pleasant Hill—W. M. Buchanan, W. O. Davis, Ben Buchanan.
25 Spring Creek—Miller Francis.
26. Flat Rock—R. V. Duncan, J. Q. Turbyfield.
27. Beaver Creek—John Duncan.
28. Big Rock Creek—S. C. Gouge, Landon Buchanan, T. C. Greene, Jr.

Committee on Preaching report that Bro. Hight C. Moore will conduct the services at 11 A. M.

Reading minutes of first day's session standing approved.

Motion carried to appoint E. M. Johnson delegate to State Convention, which meets at Elizabeth City December 7, 1904.

Report on Periodicals was called for and read by W. H. Ollis:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

He who furnishes the religious literature of a people has in his hands largely the shaping of their religious opinions. The command to preach the Gospel to every creature is so urgent and the message so important that we can not rely upon the spoken message alone The living preacher must be aided by the printed page. Paul and the other writers of the New Testament, in recognition of this fact, sent letters to the churches and the laborers. Baptists whose strength lies in the enlightened conscience of the individual have made large use of the press, and must make larger use of this power in the future both for spreading a knowledge of the truth and for exposing error.

Our Baptist periodicals ought to be in every Baptist home in the land and every other home where they will receive them.

We recommend that our people take and read the *Biblical Recorder*, the *Skyland Baptist, Charity and Children*, the *Foreign Missionary Journal* and the *Home Field.*

We recommend that each church appoint one or more of its members as a committee who shall seek to put these periodicals into every family in the church and community. Respectfully submitted.

W. H. Ollis, Chairman;
J. T. Beaver,
W. H. Woodall,
Committee.

Spoken to by W. H. Woodall, Hight C. Moore and J. B. Reid.

Motion to adopt the report was carried.

Preaching at 11 A. M. by Hight C. Moore, using for his text Matthew 25th chapter and 24th verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Motion carried that our next Association be held with the Roaring Creek Baptist church at Valley, N. C., about sixteen miles northeast of Bakersville, commencing on Tuesday before the third Sunday in September, 1905, and that Rev. L. H. Greene preach the introductory sermon and T. M. Reid be his alternate.

Motion carried that the Sunday School Convention minutes be

added to our minutes. Received of R. T. Lewis, Secretary of Sunday School Convention, $5.00.

Motion carried to receive the reports of Education, Trustees of Bowman Academy and Treasurer all ended same reading:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

"Knowledge is power," and it is power to do good or evil. We contend for and commend that education of which Christ is the supreme source and centre—it is the education of heart as well as of head: the culture of character even more than the culture of intellect. Such an education is indeed the handmaid of religion, the strong ally of Christianity.

We desire to heartily commend the following institutions as especially worthy of the confidence, support, prayers and patronage of all our people: Bowman Academy, of Bakersville, our own Associational school, with its marvelous prospects and possibilities for good in our section; Wake Forest College for the higher education of young men; the Baptist University at Raleigh for the higher education of young women; the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky., for the special training of ministers.

We record with delight the past educational development which has discovered in our mountain region many brilliant intellects; we rejoice in the present educational revival, and we indulge in the hope that ere long our county and country shall be ablaze with the light of a true culture which will make our people a vital power in the world.

L. H. Greene,
B. B. Dougherty,
Hight C. Moore,
Committee.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF BOWMAN ACADEMY.

The Trustees of Bowman Academy beg leave to submit the following report: During the year just closed we have paid on building $170.68; collected during the year $133.50, leaving a balance of $13.82 in treasurer's hands. Amount subscribed at our last Association was $110.00. Paid on subscription to J. S. Poteet, Treasurer, during the year $62.00. leaving a balance of $48.00 unpaid.

We, the Trustees, earnestly ask a hearty co-operation of the churches of this Association to help of their means as God has prospered them and raise this indebtedness on our school building. This should appeal to every Baptist in Mitchell county as a personal matter, and we should rally to this school in all our might and power, and let the world know by our deeds and money that this is our school and we calculate to make it a success for the young and rising generation. Our school is now under the management of Bro. J. C. Bowman, who if we as Baptists of the genuine, true faith will come to him and help support and foster our own institution of learning here at home it will spread abroad that our school is not surpassed in Western North Carolina.

Leaving a balance due in cash $125.00 and a balance of $1.88 in tuition, making a total of $313 00 due J. C. Bowman on Academy building and the remainder of about $112.00 to go into tuition.

L. H. Greene,
W. M. Greene,
J. S. Poteet,
W. F. Dodson,
M. L. Buchanan,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The amount which I have received for the Bowman Academy since September 12, 1903, to September 13, 1904, was $138.50. The amount paid out was $170.68, leaving a balance on hand of $18.82.

J. S. Poteet,
Treasurer.

September 13, 1904.

Spoken to by L. H. Greene, W. H. Woodall, J. C. Blalock, J. T. Beaver and B. B. Dougherty.

Motion carried to give W. H. Woodall five minutes more on education.

Educational report adopted.

Motion carried that the report of nominations for Trustees of Bowman Academy be received:

NOMINATIONS FOR TRUSTEES BOWMAN ACADEMY.

M. L. Buchanan, S. J. Black, W. M. Greene, Milton Buchanan, C. F. Baker, J. S. Poteet, M. C. Pannell, R. M. Davis, C. E. Greene, J. C. Bowman, D. J. English, W. M. Stamey, J. Milton Buchanan, J. C. Thomas, R. M. Young.

R. M. Young,
G. H. Ward,
Committee.

The Trustees nominated were duly elected.

Report on Foreign Missions read. Motion carried to receive same:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" was the great commission of our Lord. As He was sent by the Father into the world so He sends us forth among all nations to bring men to Him as the rightful Lord and Master of the universe. "As my Father hath sent me even so send I you." The spirit of missions is therefore the spirit of Christ and of loyalty to Christ; and no one, individual or church, can obey the Scripture without sending the Gospel.

In our Southland we Baptists are striving to obey our Master's great command to evangelize the world. In China, Japan, Italy, Africa, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina we have at present 172 missionaries, and a mission is contemplated for Persia. Last year we spent more than $247,000 for Foreign Missions. Our missionaries were blessed in their labors with 2096 baptisms during the year, and the work is encouraging in every way. We rejoice that some of our own number are laboring effectively in distant lands. We should liberally support those already on the field and pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth yet other laborers.

J. W. Duncan,
W. S. Buchanan,
Hight C. Moore,
Committee.

Spoken to by Hight C. Moore.

Report of Woman's Work read and adopted:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We as Baptists believe there is a work for every Christian to do. The women also have a work to do, and they are doing more to advance the work of missions, and are collecting more mission money according to their abilities and chance in their different mission societies than any other organization of the church. Therefore we as your Committee on Woman's Work do recommend that a Woman's Missionary Society be organized in every Baptist church in Mitchell county, and that the brethren and church in general do all they can to assist in this noble work, and that the pastors of the churches of the county see to it that there is a Society of Woman's Work organized in their churches.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. Lewis,
T. M. Reid,
Committee.

Spoken to by L. H. Greene, W. S. Buchanan, Moderator, J. C. Blalock and J. W. Duncan.

Subscriptions taken for Foreign Missions. Amount pledged $65. Motion carried that each church make its own division of subscription pledges as they deem proper.

Reports finally adopted.

Tonight the Bible Work will be explained by W. H. Woodall.

Preaching the 15th at 11 A. M. by W. H. Woodall.

Motion to adjourn. Benediction by J. C. Blalock.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

September 15, 1904.

The Association met according to adjournment. Opened by singing. Body was called to order by the Moderator.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint Committee on Home Missions. Committee: Hight C. Moore, L. H. Greene and W. H. Woodall.

Report of L. H. Greene, Missionary, was read and adopted:

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

Dear Brethren:—I have labored 191 days and preached 210 times; witnessed 68 conversions; baptized 16 persons; received $274.93 for labor done. I have collected for Foreign Missions, $8.72; State Missions, $9.45; Associational Missions, $4.00; for Education, $75.00.

As your Missionary I recommend that this Association keep a man or men in the field who will look after the Baptist interest in Mitchell county. In my judgment Spruce Pine is one among the most important places in our bounds for the Baptists to look after. We have already located a site upon which to build. We have been hindered in the work at this place on account of smallpox.

Respectfully submitted. L. H. GREENE.

Motion carried and L. A. Greene was re-elected Missionary.

Report on Orphanage was read and adopted:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We, your Committee on the Baptist Orphanage, beg leave to report: Our Baptist Orphanage, located at Thomasville, N. C., was opened for the reception of orphan children twenty years ago, and the plant now owns three hundred and fifty acres of well improved land, well stocked with horses and mules and other stock such as is necessary to farming; also with buildings sufficient to keep three hundred or more orphans, and have in charge at present about two hundred and eighty.

We, your committee, respectfully submit that the highest expression of a Christian's duty is found in the care of the orphan and the helpless. We would recommend that this Association, or the churches, do more in the future than we have been doing in the past, as there are several orphans from this Association in the Orphanage at this time.

We recommend that each Sunday school take a collection once a month for the Orphanage, and that the pastors and superintendents see to it that this is done.

Respectfully submitted. J. C. BLALOCK,
D. A. GREENE,
Committee.

Spoken to by J. C. Blalock and H. C. Moore. L. H. Greene and J. C. Thomas were ordered to take a collection, which was $9.57. It was ordered that the Clerk forward same to Orphanage.

Resolution offered and carried that our Sunday schools take and send one collection monthly to our Orphanage.

Reports on State and Home Missions read and adopted:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Our Lord's command makes it our duty and privilege to be witnesses of Him to the uttermost parts of the earth, beginning at Jerusalem. State Missions is our obedience to that command in our own State. The great need of Gospel messages in North Carolina is a strong appeal to us to supply the need. The destitution in Eastern North Carolina is appalling. Whole counties are without Gospel preaching, as we understand it, and many counties but poorly supplied. In the Middle section the people are crowding into the factory towns, where they are surrounded with all the evils of a crowded population and without the saving influence of the Gospel. In Western North Carolina the pressing need is for development. Strong in numbers we are yet weak in power and efficiency for lack of training in Christian activities. Our State Board is seeking to meet the needs in their different sections by sending missionaries to the Eastern counties, by maintaining pastors in the factory towns and by establishing and maintaining Christian schools in the Western. Ten of these schools have been established in our own section and call for our most loyal and unwavering support.

We call especial attention to the Bible instruction supplied by our Board. Bro. W. H. Woodall is employed for half his time to conduct Bible schools in the different Associations. We most heartily commend this Bible work, and urge the pastors and others to take advantage of the benefits thus offered.

Respectfully submitted.

Isaac Grindstaff,
T. A. Hensley,
John A. Miller,
Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission work of Southern Baptists means the supply, as far as possible, of the destitution in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention and the island of Cuba. It includes work in our States where the Baptists are too weak to meet the need for Gospel preaching, work among the foreign populations crowding into our larger cities and the West, work among the Indians and the negroes, as well as among the schools of our mountain region, in which we have reason to feel a peculiar and particular interest. Last year we had 616 home missionaries, who baptized 7,526, constituted 157 churches, supplied 2,244 churches and stations with preaching and distributed 18,275 Bibles and Testaments. Our contributions for this work last year amounted to $127,850 56. The need is great and enlarged offerings are called for to meet it. We recommend that at least one offering be made during the coming year for Home Missions.

Hight C. Moore,
L. H. Greene,
Committee.

Discussed by Hight C. Moore and W. H. Woodall.

Pledges taken from churches amounted to $60.50.

The explanation of Bowman Academy, given by T. M. Reid, was well received and collection for same was $7.71.

Benediction by H. C. Moore.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Session called to order by Moderator.

Report on Temperance read and adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following: We believe that alcoholic liquors are doing more harm as a beverage than any one evil in the world —producing degredation, crime and pauperism. It makes widows and orphans and makes homes sad and desolate; but no wonder when we bring together in one group the cost at retail of all beverages used. Last year alcoholic drink cost $1,242,943,118. But this is a sad thought to know that one-fourth of our people drink this accursed stuff. But Oh if we had this amount of money to send the Gospel to the heathen that have not so much as heard of Christ, but instead of sending the Gospel they spend money for that which will ruin the mind and destroy the soul into that place that is prepared for the devil and his angels. But we hope that God will help His people as Christians to do all they can to put it out of our State and nation, and we hope that we will vote as we pray.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. Thomas,
J. T. Beaver,
Committee.

Discussed by J. T. Beaver, J. C. Thomas, J. C. Blalock and S. M. Greene.

Report of Finance Committee read and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report: We have received minute funds amounting to $22.45, all of which has been turned over to the Clerk of the Association.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. Biddix,
J. Z. Singleton,
Committee.

Amount received by Clerk, $22.45.

Report on State of Churches read and adopted:

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Your committee would report as to the state of the churches: We believe the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ should strive to attain high grounds in Christain graces; they should continually have an "upward gaze," as the disciples when Jesus went away. The attitude of the ancient churches was the watching for the return of their departed Lord; therefore they sought to live near the Lord. We are sorry to say that our churches seem to be languishing. There seems to be a general dearth over the county. But we are glad to say also that some of the churches are active in the work of the Lord. We notice that the ingathering has not been as great as at other times. We are wont to enquire after the causes. We would say, first, that there is a general uprising of erroneous teachers, whose doctrines are sapping the very life energies of some of our members. We believe that Christians should live holy lives. We are glad to say that Baptists have always taught holiness from a Bible standpoint, but not after the modern craze. We advise that our people stand aloof from these false teachers and take the Bible as the one book of our counsel.

Another cause, we believe, is some of the churches employing agencies other than those sanctioned in the Scriptures. As the *Ram's Horn* has said, "The church fair does not help the fair name of the church." we believe it inculcates a great truth. The Lord savs, "Give and it shall be given." We believe that glad giving is a great stimulus, imparting life and vigor to the churches. We do not believe churches should employ suppers, fairs, picnics or any kind of entertain-

ments to raise their finances, but give gladly—give! give! Give for the glory of God, give for the good of our souls, give for the sake of humanity.

We would urge our brethren to strive, work and pray for a general revival of religion all over the land. We would urge them to strive against the indifferent spirit. We especially advise that our brethren watch the flocks against the wolves that would tear, break and bruise, leaving desolation wherever they go. The Lord bless and guide. Respectfully submitted.

JAMES B. REID,
ISAAC GRINDSTAFF,
J. C. THOMAS,
Committee.

Report on Ministerial Aid read and adopted. Also resolution recommending that a specific collection be taken for Bro. B. M. Hoyle:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL AID.

"Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel."—I Cor. ix:14 We are constrained, therefore, to believe that our ministers should be supported. When a man who is called of God into the ministry, who goes forth in the discharge of that work "taking nothing of the Gentiles," we believe the Christians should see that he does not suffer. Now, we have an aged minister in this county who has worn his life out in the Lord's work and who is now in need of help and who wishes to apply to the Ministers' Relief Board for help. We would therefore commend him to their consideration. This aged minister is Elder B. M. Hoyle, of Estatoe, N. C., who is worthy of help. We recommend that this Association take a collection for him, and also recommend him to the Relief Board for Aged Ministers, located at Durham, N. C.

We believe in remembering these men of God who are at our charities, and we further recommend that the churches contribute to the Board of Ministerial Aid, and that pastors bring this matter before their churches and take collections for the same. Respectfully submitted.

JAMES B. REID.
J. C. SPARKS,
L. H GREENE,
} Committee.

Motion carried to re-elect John S. Foteet Treasurer.

Motion carried that the Clerk have $7.00 for services and have $20.45 worth of minutes printed.

Report on Ministry read by R. T. Lewis and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY.

We, your Committee on Ministry, beg leave to submit the following report: 1st. A special call from God is essential to the exercise of the Christian ministry. Reason itself would suggest that He as a Sovereign would select His own officers and send His own ambassadors, and the divine call of the ancient prophets, the analagous office in the old dispensation, creates a presumption of such a call in the Christian ministry. None were permitted to intrude into the prophetic office. God said the "prophet who shall presume to speak a word in My name which I have not commanded him to speak shall die."—Deut. xviii:20. "Behold, I am against the prophet that steal My word."—Jer. i:4-10. A proof of this is seen in the following consideration: 1st. Ministers in the New Testament are always spoken of or designated by God. This is obviously true of the Apostles, but it is seen also in the case of the ministry in general. The elders of Ephesus were set over the flocks by the Holy Ghost.—Acts xx:28. Archippus received his ministry in the Lord.—Col. iv:17. Paul and Barnabas were separated to their work by the Holy Ghost.—Acts xiii:2. The ministry constitutes a special gift of Christ to the church.—Ephesians iv:11 12. The man that is called of God to preach the Gospel has an abiding impression of duty to preach the Gospel. Like Paul he feels that necessity is laid upon him, and "Yea, woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel."—I Cor. ix:14.

In noting the ministers of last year there stands recorded forty as ministers—thirty-two ordained and eight licentiates. Among the number is one excluded, three that have gone to other Associations, and there is a considerable number that have not perhaps ventured to preach a sermon in the last year, except they have intruded on some other minister's time. The churches are responsible for such a state of affairs. We would therefore recommend and advise that the churches to which these ministers belong look after them and stir them up, or take their authority from them at once and save the cause being further injured.

We would further recommend that this Association request every minister in the bounds of this Association to report in writing their ministerial work to the next session of this body, and if they fail so to do their names will not be inserted as ministers of this Association. There is room and work sufficient in the bounds of this Association for every minister belonging to the Association to do without their imposing themselves on other ministers' fields of labor.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. Lewis,
Milton Buchanan,
Committee.

Resolution of the Mitchell County Baptist Association was read and adopted:

That we want to return our Moderator and Clerk our highest appreciations for the manner in which they have conducted the business of this body, and the efficient services they have rendered.

Resolution offered and adopted:

That each church within the bounds of the Association is requested to send to the Clerk, W. F. Dodson, Bakersville, N. C., at least two weeks before the convening of next Association their letters, so said Clerk can make a proper digest and statistical report on conditions of all churches to the Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the members of this church, also to the whole community, for their generous hospitality.

Rev. S. M. GREENE, Moderator,
Clarissa, N. C.

W. F. Dodson, Clerk,
Bakersville, N. C.

PLEDGES FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Roan Mountain	$5 00
Little Rock Creek	2 50
Mine Creek	3 00
Lily Branch	5 00
Cane Creek	5 00
Yellow Mountain	5 00
Mt Pleasant	5 00
Bakersville	5 00
Roaring Creek	2 00
Jonas' Ridge	5 00
Liberty Hill	3 00
White Oak	3 00
Greene Valley	5 00
McKinney	2 00
Burleson Chapel	3 00
Aaron	5 00
Oak Grove	2 00
	65 00

PLEDGES FOR STATE MISSIONS BY CHURCHES.

Roan Mountain	$5 00
Bear Creek	5 00
Little Rock Creek	5 00
Fork Mountain	5 00
Lily Branch	2 50
Cane Creek	5 00
Yellow Mountain	5 00
Bakersville	10 00
Roaring Creek	2 00
Liberty Hill	3 00
White Oak	3 00
Silver Chapel	5 00
Burleson Chapel	2 50
Aaron	2 50
Oak Grove	3 00
	58 50

RECORD OF THE MITCHELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Year.	With What Church.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Preacher of Annual Sermon.	Month of Meeting.
1884	Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putman	L. H. Greene	September 14
1885	Little Rock Creek	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putman	T. H. McCoury	September 15
1886	Toe River	L. H. Greene	S. M. Collis	S. M. Collis	September 7
1887	Elk Park	S. M. Collis	Wm. G. Buchanan	S. M. Greene	August 18
1888	Mine Creek	J. W. Duncan	S. M. Greene	E. Buchanan	August 16
1889	Grassy Creek	J. W. Duncan	S. M. Greene	J. C. Sparks	August 13
1890	Aaron	S. M. Greene	Wm G. Buchanan	W. H. Ollis	September 25
1891	Fork Mountain	J. C. Sparks	D. W. Greene	L. H. Greene	September 24
1892	Big Rock Creek	Wm. G. Buchanan	J. W. Putman	W. A. Roberson	September 22
1893	Big Meadows	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putman	J. W. Putman	August 31
1894	Roan Mountain	L. H Greene	S M. Greene	L. H. Greene	August 30
1895	Lily Branch	L. H. Greene	D. W. Greene	J. W. Putman	August 27
1896	Mount Pleasant	S M. Greene	D. W. Greene	G. P. Bostic	September 3
1897	Little Rock Creek	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	S M. Greene	September 16
1898	Bear Creek	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	P. J. Shell	September 15
1899	Yellow Mountain	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	T. M. Honeycutt	September 14
1900	Bakersville	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	A. E. Brown	September 13
1901	Liberty Hill	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	J. B. Naugle	September 12
1902	Cane Creek	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	J. W. Duncan	September 16
1903	Aaron	S. M. Greene	W. F. Dodson	L. H. Greene	September 15
1904	Roan Mountain	S: M Greene	W F. Dodson	T. M. Reid	September 13

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 13, 1904.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Sunday of Worship.	INCREASE			DECREAS'D			Total Membership.	Minute Fund.	Education.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	Home Missions.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Expenses.	Other Objects.
				Baptisms.	By Letter.	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.										
Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene	J. Z. Singleton	3	5	2	.....	.....	5	1	184	$1 30	$5 00	$9 00	.....	.....	$5 00	$35 30	$20 50	.....
Bear Creek	J. W. Duncan	Milton Buchanan	4	10	5	5	6	11	.....	235	1 30	.....	104 84	$0 81	$11 21	25 24	30 00	90 43	$5 68
Little Rock Creek	S. M. Greene	J. A. Buchanan	1	1	.....	6	.....	14	.....	212	1 10	6 00	.....	1 30	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....
Big Rock Creek	J. C. Sparks	T. C. Greene	1	6	.....	10	.....	.....	1	80	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 00	.....
Mine Creek	Isaac Grindstaff	R. M. Davis	1	1	1	1	4	14	3	147	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fork Mountain	L. H. Greene	D. M. Cook	1	.....	.....	.....	6	6	1	145	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 00	200 00	.....
Lily Branch	J. M. Lewis	D. W. Greene	2	7	2	2	4	1	2	112	1 25	.....	3 13	.....	.....	.....	60 00	10 00	.....
Cane Creek	S. M. Greene	C. H. Wise	.....	4	1	3	.....	5	1	228	1 35	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	55 57	.....	24 98
Yellow Mountain	L. H. Greene	R. B. Gaddy	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	109	1 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65 00	23 00	.....
Mt. Pleasant	T. M. Reid	P. L. Johnson	1	.....	.....	.....	3	8	1	142	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	10 39
Bakersville	L. H. Greene	M. D. Wilson	4	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	2	99	1 65	66 00	2 72	8 81	12 50	3 00	65 00	25 00	50 00
Cub Creek	I. Grindstaff	Dock Hart	3	.....	.....	3	.....	5	.....	82	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Roaring Creek	J. C. Sparks	W. M. Gardiner	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	67	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jonas Ridge	J. M. Harris	E. Barrier	2	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	1	42	45	5 00	7 40	.....	.....	.....	42 00	.....	5 00
Liberty Hill	J. C. Thomas	S. M Sparks	.....	11	6	.....	.....	2	1	73	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00	26 92	.....
White Oak	J. C. Thomas	R. B. McKinney	2	1	.....	.....	3	2	1	74	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	17 00	10 70	.....
Greene Valley	J. C. Thomas	W. J. Bowman	4	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	69	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 00	.....	.....
Silver Chapel	J. M. Lewis	C. B. Morgan	1	2	2	4	5	1	2	83	70	.....	10 28	.....	9 63	.....	33 00	25 00	.....
McKinney Cove	C. H. McKinney	R. E. Ellis	4	1	.....	.....	.....	1	3	63	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Burleson Chapel	Thomas M. Reid	W. A. Buchanan	2	11	6	.....	2	1	2	92	1 05	.....	1 76	.....	.....	.....	50 40	6 50	.....
Aaron	C. S. Farthing	J. A. Miller	2	3	2	.....	.....	.....	1	45	75	.....	3 00	.....	1 35	.....	25 00	10 00	10 00
Linville	C. S. Farthing	J. W. Carraway	2	5	2	.....	1	.....	.....	13	70	7 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 50	9 00	.....
Red Hill	I. Grindstaff	George Turbyfield	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	4 80	.....
Oak Grove	T. M. Reid	A. A. Johnson	.....	2	.....	.....	1	.....	1	63	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 78	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill	J. C. Sparks	A. D. Ollis	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	55	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	30 00	14 00	.....
Spring Creek	J. W. Putman	L. W. Garland	.....	10	.....	7	.....	.....	1	42	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....
Flat Rock	J. W. Duncan	R. V. Duncan	1	.....	2	.....	.....	3	.....	55	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....
Beaver Creek	A. F. Sparks	T. J. Sparks	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 60	.....
Totals			.....	82	31	42	50	79	26	2660	22 60	104 50	132 13	10 92	35 69	34 74	740 55	519 45	106 05

Grassy Creek, Big Meadows, Elk Park and Black Mountain not represented.

MINUTES

OF THE

MITCHELL COUNTY BAPTIST

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

HELD WITH

BEAR CREEK SUNDAY SCHOOL,

AUGUST 26, 27 AND 28, 1904.

The next Session of this Convention will convene with Little Rock Creek Sunday School, beginning on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1905.

REV. S. A. HUGHES to preach the Introductory Sermon.

PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, August 26, 1904.

The Mitchell County Baptist Sunday School Convention met today in annual session with Bear Creek Sunday school. The introductory sermon was preached by G. H. Ward, using for his text a part of the 43d verse of the 14th chapter of First Samuel.

At the conclusion of the sermon the President announced the following Committee on Program: Rev. J. C. Blalock, Milton Buchanan, Rev. S. M. Greene, R. M. Pittman and G. H. Ward.

On Preaching—Milton Buchanan, David J. English, Stephen Willis, with pastor and delegates of Bear Creek church.

On Orphanage—Rev. R. M. Young and Rev. J. C. Sparks.

On Finance—R. M. Young, B. A. Ollis and Samuel Blalock.

The time of the present officers having expired, the Convention proceeded to elect a President and Secretary, which resulted in the election of J. C. Blalock, President, and the re-election of Roby T. Lewis, Secretary.

Letters were read from fifteen Sunday schools and delegates names enrolled as follows:

Bakersville—Laura Buchanan, Elizabeth Pannell and Rev. L. H. Greene.

Bear Creek—Milton Buchanan, John Willis, D. J. English, S. M. Willis, Starling Sparks and J. A. Buchanan.

Beaver Creek—William Grindstaff, Mack Thomas, John Duncan, Alice Thomas and Ida Duncan.

Cane Creek—C. H. Wise and William Greene.

Cub Creek—Rev. J. C. Sparks, Will Canipe, Robert Slagle, Wm. Canipe, Francis Slagle and Etta Canipe.

Mine Creek—Reuben Grindstaff.

McKinney Cove—Samuel McKinney and W. J. Wilson.

Little Rock Creek—W. H. Bidix and G. H. Ward.

Liberty Hill—T. L. Cox and S. M. Sparks.

Lily Branch—G. B. Greene and D. W. Greene.

Pleasant Hill—B. A. Ollis, A. D. Ollis and H. E. Hoileman.

Roaring Creek—Roby T. Lewis and Rev. S. A. Hughes.

Roan Mountain—Rev. S. M. Greene, Betty Ann Greene, Rev. W. S. Buchanan, A. Greene, I. H. Wilson, Florence Young and Liddy Buchanan.

Silver Chapel—W. A. Roberson, J. C. Morgan, Mamie Chandler and Ella Gouge.

Snow Creek—S. L. Wilson, S. J. Blalock, Miss Daisie Blalock and Miss Cleta Ledford.

White Oak—Brown McKinney.

At the conclusion of reading the letters the Convention adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Choir spent fifteen minutes in spiritual singing. Rev. J. C. Thomas led the Convention in prayer.

Committee on Program made report. Report adopted.

First question on program taken up: "Is the Sunday School Work Progressing in Mitchell County?" Discussed by Rev. S. M. Greene, Rev. R. M. Young, Anderson Sparks, J. C. Thomas, L. H. Greene, Starling Sparks and Rev. Isaac Grindstaff in good speeches, who made it plain that the work has progressed greatly and is still growing.

The second question: "Who Should Superintend Our Sunday Schools and What Should Be Their Qualifications, and also Teachers?" Discussed by Rev. S. M. Greene, who gave us good advice in regard to whom we should choose as officers of our Sunday schools, and advised us to be cautious lest we select incompetent officers in some of our schools.

On motion, adjourned till 8 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY.

August 27, 1904.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The President being absent, Rev. S. M. Greene called the Convention to order. Rev. Anderson Sparks led the Convention in prayer.

Second question on program further discussed by Revs. J. C. Sparks, Isaac Grindstaff and L. H. Greene.

Committee on Preaching report that Rev. L. H. Greene will preach at 11 o'clock A. M. to-day.

Third question on program taken up: "Who Should Attend Sunday School and For What Purpose?" Discussed by Rev. W. S. Buchanan, R. M. Pittman and Rev. S. M. Greene in good short speeches.

On motion, the delegates from Little Rock Creek and Roaring Creek were appointed to say where the next session of this Convention convene.

Intermission of fifteen minutes. At the expiration of the recess the Convention reassembled.

It was ordered that the next session of this Convention be held with Little Rock Creek Sunday school, to begin on Friday before

the fourth Sunday in August, 1905, and that Rev. S. A. Hughes preach the introductory sermon.

Rev. L. H. Greene preached an impressive sermon, using for his text the 19th and 20th verses of Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

At the conclusion of the sermon the Convention adjourned till 1 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Choir spent fifteen minutes in good singing.

A letter was read from Lily Branch Sunday school.

Committee on Orphanage made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANAGE.

Your Committee on Orphanage beg leave to submit the following report: We desire to commit ourselves unqualifiedly to the great denominational work of the Thomasville Orphanage and give to it our moral and financial support in taking care of our fatherless ones. We feel it our duty to look after and care for the same.

Respectfully submitted.

R. M. YOUNG,
J. C. SPARKS,
Committee.

The report was spoken to by R. M. Young, J. C. Sparks and Isaac Grindstaff and was adopted. A collection for the Thomasville Orphanage was taken up, amounting to $6.41.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report: We have received from the Sunday schools $7.47, all of which has been turned over to the Secretary.

It was ordered that the Secretary report the proceedings of this Convention to the Association and that he have $2.47 for his services.

A question: "Are the Baptists of Mitchell County Advancing Religiously or Educationally; if Not, is it on Account of Ignorant Leaders?" Spoken to by Rev. S. M. Greene in an excellent speech. He made it plain that we are advancing along these lines by making comparisons between the present time and the days of the lamented Bro. S. M. Collis and other old soldiers of the Cross.

On motion, the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Secretary called the roll and marked absentees as above recorded.

On motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY—Sunday.

August 28, 1904.

The Convention met to.day in Sunday school mass meeting. Talks were made by Revs. J. C. Blalock, W. S. Buchanan and others.

On motion, the President appointed Rev. W. S. Buchanan chairman of the Committee on Program to make out a program for the next Convention, and gave him power to appoint as many as he desired to assist him.

The Committee on Preaching report that Rev. S. A. Hughes will open services by reading and prayer and that Rev. S. M. Greene will preach at 11 o'clock A. M. to-day.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

A RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That our sincere thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the people of Bear Creek for their kindness shown unto us during this Convention.

The Convention took a ten minutes recess. At the expiration of the time the Convention reassembled, choir singing. Rev. S. A. Hughes read the 23d Psalm and led the Convention in prayer.

Rev. S. M. Greene preached a good sermon. His text was the 13th verse of the 3d chapter of Philippians.

At the conclusion of the sermon there was a general hand-shake, and many praised the name of God.

A word to the Sunday schools not represented in this Convention: Brethren, send letters and delegates to Little Rock Creek next year, and let us show to the outside world that there are over sixteen Sunday schools in the bounds of the Mitchell County Baptist Association.

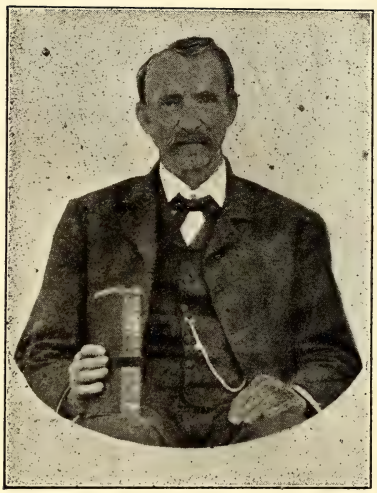
J. C. BLALOCK, President,
Ledger, N. C.

Roby T. Lewis, Secretary,
Valley, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLE, 1904.

Name of School.	Superintendent.	Secretary.	Postoffice.	Number Enrolled.	Average Attendance	Number of Teachers.	Minute Fund.	Other Expenses.
1. Bakersville	J. C. Bowman	W. F. Dodson	Bakersville	158	75	6	$1 00	$50 00
2. Bear Creek	Milton Buchanan.	S. A. Sparks	Ledger		85	7	95	109 12
3. Beaver Creek	William Grindstaff	Alphus Thomas	Grove Pine		60	4	55	26 48
4. Cane Creek	William Greene	Viola Burleson	Clarissa	125	77	5	65	65 14
5. Cub Creek	Dock Hart	William Canipe	Toe Cane	85	67	6	40	8 94
6. Little Rock Creek	W. H. Bidix	L. H. Burleson	Glen Ayre	60	45	4	75	7 70
7. Liberty Hill	Isaac Cox	S. M. Sparks	Estatoe		53	5	15	7 00
8. Lily Branch	D W. Greene	B. B. Westphalen	Wing	90	70	6	40	14 00
9. McKinney Cove	J. L. McKinney	J. S. McKinney	Bakersville	55	35	4	30	5 00
10. Mine Creek	C. Johnson		Bakersville	87	62	7	35	12 00
11. Pleasant Hill	B. A. Ollis	C. T. Hicks	Frank		46	5	35	3 75
12. Roaring Creek	William Gardner	Roby T. Lewis	Valley	52	41	4	25	2 25
13. Roan Mountain	J. T. Turbyfield	S. K. Greene	Clarissa		65		59	20 91
14. Silver Chapel	S. C. Morgan	W. A. Roberson	Bandana	144	65		27	20 15
15. Snow Creek	J. C. Blalock	S. M. Johnson	Ledger		40	4	50	18 71
16. White Oak	Fred McKinney	J. I. Buchanan	Bakersville	75	50	5		7 12
Totals				931	936		7 46	378 27

Mitchell



REV. S. M. GREENE,

Moderator of Mitchell County Baptist Association.

This is the fifteenth term as Moderator. Attended thirty-seven sessions, not missing one during the thirty-seven years.

Our Moderator is not surpassed in North Carolina, and doubt if his equal has ever presided over an Association with more dignity and zealous interest than has our dearly beloved brother. All who know him love him. May God bless his remaining days to the advancement of His cause.

MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Second Annual Session

OF

The Mitchell County Baptist Association,

AND THE

Fifty-Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

Roan Mountain and Mitchell County Association

COMBINED.

HELD WITH

ROARING CREEK CHURCH, September 12, 13 and 14, 1905.

The next session of this body will be held with Bear Creek Church, P. O., Ledger, N. C., beginning on Tuesday before the third Sunday in September, 1906.

J. W. DUNCAN to preach the Introductory Sermon.
L. H. GREENE, Alternate.

GOLDSBORO:
NASH BROS., PRINTERS AND BINDERS,
1905.

OFFICERS.

Rev. S. M. Greene, Moderator.....Clarissa, N. C.
W. F. Dodson, Clerk.....Bakersville, N. C.
J. S. Poteet, Treasurer.....Bakersville, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

L. H. Greene.....Bakersville, N. C.
C. H. McKinney....Bakersville, N. C.
Isaac Grindstaff....Bakersville, N. C.
R. M. Young.....Bakersville, N. C.
J. W. Duncan.....Ledger, N. C.
J. C. Blalock.....Ledger, N. C.
D. A. Gouge.....Bandana, N. C.
J. C. Thomas.....Bandana, N. C.
S. A. Hughes.....Valley, N. C.
S. M. Pittman.....Frank, N. C.
E. A. Stamey.....Altamont, N. C.
R. Pitman.....Ledger, N. C.
Anderson Sparks.....Ledger, N. C.
R. L. Smith.....Crossnore, N. C.
James B. Reid.....Hughes, N. C.
E. M. Johnson.....Plumtree, N. C.
W. H. Ollis.....Ingalls, N. C.
J. R. Waycaster.....Estatoe, N. C.
B. M. Hoyle.....Estatoe, N. C.
J. R. Boone.....Estatoe, N. C.
S. M. Greene.....Clarissa, N. C.
W. S. Buchanan.....Clarissa, N. C.
H. B. Buchanan.....Glen Ayre, N. C.
J. W. Putman..Magnetic City, N. C.
W. D. Mace.....Linville Falls, N. C.
W .D. Mace.....Linville Falls, N. C.
R. S. Hayes.....Saginaw, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

William Gardner.....Senia, N. C.
L. Burleson.....Bandana, N. C.
J. W. Carpenter.....Hughes, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

VALLEY, N. C., September 12, 1905.

The Mitchell County Baptist Association met this day in the Roaring Creek Baptist Church, and at 10:45 a. m. Prayer by E. J. Edwards. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. A. E. Brown, from Matt. 16:18. The remarks from Bro. Brown regarding the Holy Spirit were truly felt by all. Remarks by the Moderator were well received.

Motion carried that the Association be now organized.

Motion carried to receive newly constituted churches. Received one.

Motion carried to receive Gouge Chapel into fellowship.

Motion carried that Jonas' Ridge Church be granted a letter of dismission to join the Catawba River Association.

Moved and seconded that Bro. A. E. Brown cast the ballot of this Association for Rev. S. M. Greene for Moderator.

Motion carried that Bro. D. J. Sparks cast the ballot for W. F. Dodson for Clerk.

On motion call for visiting brethren and the following were introduced and their presence recognized: Rev. A. E. Brown, Field Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention; Rev. E. J. Edwards, representing the Biblical Recorder; L. W. Farthing, as corresponding delegate from Three Forks Association; W. M. Connor, David Greene and C. S. Farthing, as visitors from Three Forks Association; Prof. S. J. Sparks, as principal of Bowman Academy, was received and seated in our body.

COMMITTEES.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

Committee on Preaching—W. N. Greene, J. C. Randolph, with pastor and delegates of Roaring Creek Church.

Committee on Education—S. J. Sparks, D. J. English.

Committee on State Missions—L. H. Greene, E. J. Edwards.

Committee on Temperance—J. C. Blalock, C. S. Farthing.

Committee on Periodicals—J. B. Reid, E. J. Edward.

Committee on Orphanage—Anderson Sparks, D. A. Greene.

Committee on Nominations—R. T. Lewis, Joseph Sparks.

Committee on Ministerial Work—N. A. Buchanan, L. W. Farthing.

Committee on Finance—W. M. Greene, J. C. Randolph.

Committee on Foreign Missions—D. J. English, O. E. Brown.

Motion carried to appoint committee on Home Mission, S. J. Sparks, W. E. Brown.

Committee on Ministerial Relief—H. B. Buchanan, E. J. Edwards.

Assignment of delegates read by Bro. W. M. Gardner.

Committee on Preaching tonight report that Prof. S. J. Sparks has been selected.

Move to adjourn to meet tomorrow at 8:30 a. m.

Second Day's Session, Sept. 13.

The Association reassembled according to adjournment. Opening by singing. Devotional services conducted by Rev. C. S. Farthing, reading for his lesson Heb. 13:21. The body was called to order by the Moderator. Minutes of the first day's session read and adopted.

Roll of churches called and absent delegates marked.

The letter of Greene Valley received.

Motion carried that Ebing Cox, of the Ashe County Association be seated with us.

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Roan Mountain—Rev. S. M. Greene, Reuben Young and M. S. Wilson.
Bear Creek—D. J. English, Eli English, J. C. Blalock, Anderson Sparks.
Little Rock Creek—W. M. Ellis, Charles Gouge, J. C. Randolph, A. W. Buchanan, H. B. Buchanan.
Mine Creek—C. H. Grindstaff, James Davis.
Fork Mountain—David McKinney, J. H. Childress.
Flat Rock—Julius Conly, Sampson Talley, Ernest Henseley.
Lilly Branch—J. M. Murdock.
Green Valley—W. H. Ollis.
Yellow Mountain—S. B. Brazwell, D. C. Gaddy, Robert Rhyne, Vester Stafford.
Mount Pleasant—Trim Penley, J. B. Reid, R. L. Smith.
Roaring Creek—W. M. Gardner, A. K. Knight, Ben Hopson, S. A. Hughes, Nathan Lewis.
Jonas' Ridge—L. C. Shell.
Liberty Hill—Charles Ledford.
Silver Chapel—
McKinney Cove—Rev. C. H. McKinney, Johnson McKinney, Samuel McKinney, Adam Buchanan.
Burleson Chapel—Aaron Burleson, Joseph Puckett, N. A. Buchanan, W. W. Buchanan.
Aaron—J. T. Braswell.
Linnville—James Carriway.
Oak Grove—J. M. Gragg.
Pleasant Hill—J. A. Sparks, Marion Buchanan, Thomas Buchanan, Henry Hailman.
Spring Creek—M. Francis, Doctor Butler.
Beaver Cree—John Duncan.
Big Rock Creek—B. A. Bryant, Landon Buchanan, Samuel Herrell.
Big Meadows—Z. D. Pyatt.
Grassy Creek—R. D. Dixon.
Gouge Chapel—Arthur Roberts, R. L. Roberts.

Reading of minutes stood approved.

Motion carried that a Committee on Obituary be appointed.

Committee—Rev. L. H. Greene, J. C. Blalock.

Report on Program adopted.

Motion carried that the Big Meadow Church have the next Fifth Sunday meeting.

Motion carried that the Report on Periodicals be received. Report was spoken to by E. J. Edwards, J. B. Reid, L. H. Greene, S. M. Greene, J. C. Blalock, W. H. Ollis. Report finally adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

He who furnishes the religious literature of a people has in his hands largely the shaping of their religious opinions. The command to preach the Gospel to every creature is so urgent and the message so important that we can not rely upon the spoken message alone. The living preacher must be aided by the printed page. Paul and the other writers of the New Testament, in recognition of this fact, sent letters to the churches and the laborers. Baptists, whose strength lies in the enlightened conscience of the individual, have made large use of the press, and must make larger use of this power in the future, both for spreading a knowledge of the truth and for exposing error.

Our Baptist periodicals ought to be in every Baptist home in the land and every other home where they will receive them.

We recommend that our people take and read the Biblical Recorder, the Skyland Baptist, Charity and Children, the Foreign Missionary Journal and the Home Field.

We recommend that each church appoint one or more of its members as a committee who shall seek to put these periodicals into every family in the church and community.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. REID,
E. J. EDWARDS,
Committee.

Report on Education read. Motion to adopt report. Report spoken to by Prof. S. J. Sparks, A. E. Brown. Rev. A. E. Brown's speech was well received.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We find on looking over the field that the state of education is not what it ought to be, but there is a great interest manifested everywhere in education. Now is the time for us to strike; the future of our denomination and our country depends upon the education of our youth. In view of these facts we earnestly recommend to you our own Associational School, Bowman Academy, at Bakersville, and appeal to you for an enlargement of the school to meet the needs of the country.

The school now has brighter prospects before it than ever before, and we sincerely hope that you will rally to the support and enlargement of this institution, which will mean so much for the cause of Christ and the welfare of our country.

With effort, loyalty and prayer we can have as good a school in Mitchell county as can be found in any county in North Carolina. Let us take charge of what is ours.

We would commend to those seeking a higher education Wake Forest College and the Female University, and we do not hesitate to say that these schools offer superior advantages to any of the State.

SAM J. SPARKS,
D. J. ENGLISH.

Report of Treasurer read, but not received. Report recommitted and itemized account asked for.

Final adoption of Report on Education.

Report of Trustees, asking for continuance, granted.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

We beg to ask time until our treasurer makes an itemized statement, and then we can make full report to the Association.

W. M. GREENE.

Report on State Missions read and adopted. Spoken to by L. H. Green, E. J. Edwards and C. S. Farthing.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

During the past year the board has employed and sent out about 130 missionaries. Yet all the destitute territory is not occupied. There are calls coming up from many manufacturing villages, as well as many destitute neighborhoods. These calls and destitution is the great incentive to larger gifts upon our part, that the work of the Lord may enlarge, and that the Gospel may be preached to all the people of our beloved State, and a Missionary Baptist Church be planted in easy reach of every man, woman and child in North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. BROWN.
S. J. SPARKS.

Pledges were taken for State Missions from the following churches:

Roan Mountain	$ 5.00	Burleson Chapel	3.00
Bear Creek	5.00	Aaron	2.50
Little Rock Creek	5.00	Spring Creek	2.00
Fork Mountain	2.50	Mine Creek	3.00
Cane Creek	5.00	Mount Pleasant	2.50
Yellow Mountain	5.00	McKinney Cove	1.00
Bakersville	5.00	Linnville	3.00
Roaring Creek	2.50	Beaver Creek	2.50
Pleasant Hill	3.00	Gouge Chapel	2.00
			$49.50

Motion carried that D. J. English, P. H. Grindstaff, J. H. Childress, W. M. Greene, J. C. Randolph report where the next Association shall meet and who shall preach the introductory sermon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reading of Bakersville letter.

Reading of Report and adoption of place of holding next Association, which is Bear Creek; postoffice, Ledger, N. C., on Tuesday before Third Sunday in Spetember, 1906; Rev. J. W. Duncan to preach the introductory sermon and L. H. Greene alternate.

We, your Committee on place of holding next Association, have decided on Bear Creek Church, and Rev. J. W. Duncan to preach the introductory sermon, and L. H. Greene alternate, and commencing on Tuesday before the third Sunday in September, 1906.

D. J. ENGLISH.
R. H. GRINDSTAFF.
J. C. RANDOLPH.
W. M. GREENE.
J. H. CHILDRESS.

Motion carried to receive the Report on Orphanage. Spoken to by E. J. Edwards. Collection for Orphanage taken, amounting to $5.00. The churches below give one collection each month: Bear Creek, Roan Mountain, Little Rock Creek, Mine Creek, Fork Mountain, Cane Creek, Lilly Branch, Yellow Mountain, Bakersville, Roaring Creek, McKinney Cove, Burleson Chapel, Pleasant Hill, Beaver Creek.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANAGE.

We, your Committee on the Baptist Orphanage, beg leave to report: Our Baptist Orphanage located at Thomasville, N. C., was opened for the reception of orphan children twenty-one years ago, and the plant now owns three hundred and fifty acres of land, well improved, well stocked with horses and mules and other stock, such as is necessary to farming; also with buildings sufficient to keep three hundred or more orphans. We have in charge three hundred and one. We learn from the Word of God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the fatherless. It is a great duty we owe to them and to God. We would recommend that this Association or the churches do more in the future than we have in the past, as there are several orphans from this Association in the Orphanage at this time. We recommend that each Sunday school take a collection once a month for the Orphanage, and that the pastors and superintendents see that it is done.

Respectfully submitted,
ANDERSON SPARKS,
DAVID GREEN,
Committee.

Report on Orphanage adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The rapid increase in population and commercial importance of the South adds additional importance to the work committed to this board, and it has steadily enlarged its work to meet the increasing demands, but, owing to lack of funds, it is unable to keep pace with the demands. The calls for enlargement are insistant, from the mountains, frontiers, large cities, Cuba, and from every other quarter where the board is operating. We

beg to emphasize the fact that evangelization must keep pace with the growth and development of our Southland.

A. E. BROWN,
S. J. SPARKS,
Committee.

Report on Home Missions spoken to by A. E. Brown. The following pledges were taken for Home Missions.

Roan Mountain	$ 5.00	Roaring Creek	2.50
Bear Creek	5.00	Liberty Hill	3.00
Big Rock Creek	1.00	Greene Valley	2.00
Mine Creek	3.00	McKinney Cove	1.00
Fork Mountain	2.50	Burleson Chapel	1.00
Cane Creek	5.00	R. L. Roberts	.50
Yellow Mountain	2.50	Pleasant Hill	1.00
Bakersville	5.00	Beaver Creek	1.00
R. L. Smith	1.00		
		Total	$42.50

Report adopted.

Motion carried that B. B. Daughtry be invited to a seat in our body.

The following resolution, to turn over the Bakersville school property to the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was introduced:

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has established a Department of Mountain Schools; and believing that the best interests and permenance of our school property will be conserved by the Home Board owning the property; therefore, be it

Resolved, first, That we turn over our school property at Bakersville to the said Home Mission Board. Second, That the Association appoint a committee of seven to manage the school, who shall be known as a Committee of Managers.

L. H. GREEN.

Resolution adopted.

Resolution to recommend to the Home Mission Board the advisability of purchasing other property for Bowman Academy introduced as follows:

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Home Mission Board the advisability of purchasing adjoining property to Bowman Academy for boarding and industrial purposes.

L. H. GREENE.

Resolution adopted.

The following report of Committee on Temperance read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report: All kinds of crime follow the saloon wherever intoxicating liquors are sold. We

find fighting, confusion, murders and every evil imaginable following this traffic. It is a breeder of crime. Statistics show an army of 100,000 marching to hell every year. Where none is sold to people under license in any way there is peace and wage earners spend their money for necessaries needed in the home. Then why not each of us, as our brother's keeper, cease while time lasts to aid or abet in any way, or even fellowship those who tolerate the liquor business or vote for men who make laws to foster liquor. We advise the Association to enforce the temperance laws of North Carolina as much as is in our power.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. BLALOCK.

Report spoken to by Rev. J. C. Blalock, A. E. Brown and B. B. Daughtry. Report adopted.

Committee reported that Rev. E. J. Edwards will preach tonight.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION, SEPT. 14.

The Association met according to adjournment. Opened by singing and devotional service, conducted by W. M. Connor. Body called to order by Moderator.

Motion carried to reconsider the time of holding the Association to September 11, 1906.

Motion carried that Clerk receive the Sunday School funds and report the same in minutes. Received $6.60 from R. T. Lewis.

REPORT OF MISSIONS.

I have labored 195 days, preached 200 sermons, witnessed 105 conversions, baptized 53 persons, received $209.65 for work done, collected for Foreign Missions $7.86, State Missions, $22.65. Your missionary recommends that this Association keep a man in the field who will look after the interest of the Baptists in Mitchell county. In my judgment there has never been a time in the history of this Association when Baptists should be so wide-awake in their interest and see to it that a whole Gospel is preached.

Respectfully submitted,
L. H. GREENE.

Motion carried to receive the report of our Missionary, Rev. L. H. Greene. Report adopted.

Motion carried to re-elect J. S. Poteet as treasurer of the Association.

Motion carried to receive report on obituary of Rev. J. C. Sparks.

OBITUARY.

Elder J. C. Sparks departed this life the 15th of August, 1905. He was over seventy years of age. He was a minister of the Gospel for about thirty-five years. His ministry was confined largely to Mitchell and Yancy counties. He was specially gifted as an evangelist, and thousands of people were brought to Christ under his ministry. The latter years of his life were devoted to the pastorate, and he was at the time of his death pastor at Roaring Creek, Pleasant Hill, Burleson's Chapel and Big Rock Creek. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved family and churches, and take

this method of expressing our appreciation of his consecrated life and services.

L. H. GREENE,
J. C. BLALOCK,
Committee.

Motion carried to receive Report on Foreign Missions.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee rejoices to report the greatest year's work done by our Foreign Board in its history. Two thousand two hundred and thirty-one baptisms were reported for the year. A number of new churches were organized, also a number of new stations opened. The receipts of the Board were $283,415.88, the largest in its history. Fifty new missionaries were sent out during the year. This is the largest number every sent out during one year. The Board has a number of applicants whom we are unable to send out for lack of funds. We now have on the fields 181 missionaries and 269 native helpers. We have 194 churches, with a membership of 11,423. The Board has been unable during the year to provide some of the buildings so much needed by the missionaries.

Whatever we do, whether at home or abroad, must have some expense attached to it. The workers at home and the workers abroad must be sustained. It costs to send out thousands of letters and millions of pages of literature; to travel thousands of miles and other things connected with the doing of a business amounting to more than a quarter of a million dollars a year; but the entire expense is less than ten cents on the dollar. This means that over ninety cents of every dollar goes to the missionaries. The call for enlargement continues and the convention authorized a further enlargement for the present year. This means that our churches should increase their gifts.

We congratulate the Association on the advance made by some of the churches for this cause during the year. COMMITTEE.

Discussed by Rev. A. E. Brown, J. C. Blalock. Report adopted.

Motion carried that the report on State of Churches and Ministry be read.

REPORT OF STATE OF CHURCHES.

Your committee would report as to the churches: We believe the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ should strive to attain higher ground in Christian graces; they should continually go forward and work with the Lord Jesus Christ, the main object being to bring the world to Christ. They should be careful to look after the young members and the poor widows and orphans should be cared for as our Lord directs, as this was a part of the attitude of the ancient churches. And each church should have her pastor and look well to his support. We believe that the cause of languishing churches is because we don't freely give of our means for the support of the Gospel.

Report adopted.

Motion Carried that the ministers who have reports read them and have same printed in our Minutes.

REPORT ON THE MINISTRY.

We, your Committe on the Ministry, beg leave to report the following: As has been truly said, "A special call is essential to the exercises of the Christian ministry." We believe that a man who is called of God to preach

the Gospel, and is guided by the Holy Ghost, will preach wherever his lot is cast. We find that we have twenty-nine ordained ministers and four licentiates stand reported on the minutes. Some of our ministers are doing a great work, while others are not doing near what they might do. The ministry has suffered severely during the past year by having strokes inflicted by the arch-enemy of souls, aimed at the heart of Christianity. We believe that our ministers of the Mitchell County Association should all unite in making a strong effort to lead our people to a higher state of Christianity. Then, being requested to report to the next session of this body, they will be enabled to report great things for the Lord. Our ministers should not faint, but press to the front, thereby presenting an unbroken breast of invincibility for Christ and His cause.

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. BUCHANAN,
C. S. FARTHING,
Committee.

During the past Associational year I have had the care of four churches, preached 155 sermons, exhortations 35, baptized 24. Received during past year $222.50.

S. M. GREENE.

I beg leave to report that I have done quite a lot of revival work, with good results, during the year just closed.

J. B. REID.

Dear Brethren: I have charge of two churches. I also have done missioionary work in Greene River Association and at home.

J. A. SPARKS.

I beg to report: I have charge of two churches. Baptized 12. Received $50.

ANDERSON SPARKS.

I respectfully submit the following report for the year just closed: I have given a good portion of my time to the service of my beloved Master; have tried to preach one hundred or more sermons; have been in several revivals; have witnessed a great many conversions.

J. C. BLALOCK.

Reports adopted.

Motion carried to receive the Report of the Financial Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report: We have received minute funds amounting to $26.31, all of which has been turned over to the clerk of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. GREENE.
J. C. RANDOLPH.

Report adopted.

Motion carried to receive Report on Nominations.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee, make the following report on nominations for managers of Bowman Academy: Rev. L. H. Green, W. M. Greene, Charles E. Greene, Charles F. Baker, John S. Poteet, W. F. Dodson, S. J. Sparks. Rev. L. H. Greene, missionary.

R. T. LEWIS,
JOSEPH SPARKS,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Motion carried that the Clerk have 500 Miutes printed and have the remainder of the Minute Fund for his services.

Motion carried that Jonas Ridge Church be granted a letter of dismission to join the Catawba River Association.

Motion that L. H. Greene and the Clerk revise the Minister's list adopted.

Motion carried that L. H. Greene be elected as our Missionary and the following elected as Managers of Bowman Academy:

Rev. L. H. Greene, chairman; Hon. Charles E. Greene, secretary; J. S. Poteet, treasurer; W. M. Greene, Charles F. Baker, W. F. Dodson, Prof. S. J. Sparks.

R. T. LEWIS,
JOSEPH SPARKS,
Committee.

The following resolution adopted, tendering our thanks to Roaring Creek Church:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the members of this church, also the whole community, for their generous hospitality.

REV. S. M. GREENE,
Moderator,
Clarissa, N. C.

W. F. DODSON, Clerk, Bakersville, N. C.

Resolution adopted.

Prof. B. B. Daughtry, of Boone, N. C., delivered us one of his able discourses on Education, which was highly received.

Motion to adjourn to meet with Bear Creek Baptist Church, on Tuesday before the Third Sunday in September, 1906.

REV. S. M. GREENE,
Moderator,
Clarissa, N. C.

W. F. DODSON, Clerk, Bakersville, N. C.

RECORD OF THE MITCHELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Year.	WITH WHAT CHURCH.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	PREACHER OF ANNUAL SERMON.	MONTH OF MEETING.
1884	Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putman	L. H. Greene	September 14
1885	Little Rock Creek	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putman	T. H. McCoury	September 15
1886	Toe River	L. H. Greene	S. M. Collis	S. M. Collis	September 7
1887	Elk Park	S. M. Collis	Wm. G. Buchanan	S. M. Greene	August 18
1888	Mine Creek	J. W. Duncan	S. M. Greene	E. Buchanan	August 16
1889	Grassy Creek	J. W. Duncan	S. M. Greene	J. C. Sparks	August 13
1890	Aaron	S. M. Greene	Wm. G. Buchanan	W. H. Ollis	September 25
1891	Fork Mountain	J. C. Sparks	D. W. Greene	L. H. Greene	September 24
1892	Big Rock Creek	Wm. G. Buchanan	J. W. Putman	W. A. Roberson	September 22
1893	Big Meadows	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putman	J. W. Putman	August 31
1894	Roan Mountain	L. H. Greene,	S. M. Greene	L. H. Greene	August 30
1895	Lily Branch	L. H. Greene	D. W. Greene	J. W. Putman	August 27
1896	Mount Pleasant	S. M Greene	D. W. Greene	G. P. Bostic	September 3
1897	Little Rock Creek	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	S. M. Greene	September 16
1898	Bear Creek	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	P. J. Shell	September 15
1899	Yellow Mountain	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	T M. Honeycutt	September 14
1900	Bakersville	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	A. E. Brown	September 13
1901	Liberty Hill	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	J. B. Naugle	September 12
1902	Cane Creek	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	J. W. Duncan	September 16
1903	Aaron	S. M. Geeene	W F. Dodson	L. H. Greene	September 15
1904	Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene	W. F. Dodson	T. M. Reid	September 13
1905	Roaring Creek	S. M. Greene	W. F. Dodson	A. E. Brown	September 12

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 1905.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks and Post Offices.	Sunday of Worship.	INCREASE			DECREASE			Total Membership.	Minute Fund.	Education.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	Home Missions.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Expenses.	Other Objects.	Womens Society.
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Elk Park, Red Hill and Black Mountain not Represented

MINUTES

OF THE

MITCHELL COUNTY BAPTIST

Sunday School Convention,

HELD WITH

Little Rock Creek Sunday School

August 25th, 26th and 27th, 1905.

The next Session of this Convention will be held with Pleasant Hill Church beginning on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1905.

Rev. CHARLES McKINNEY to preach the Introductory Sermon.

PROCEEDINGS.

GLEN AYRE, N. C., Friday, August 25, 1905.

The Mitchell County Baptist Sunday School Convention met today with Little Rock Creek Sunday School. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. S. A. Hughes. Text: Saml. 17:29. "Is there not a cause?" At the conclusion of the sermon Rev. S. M. Greene was appointed president protem. Letters were read from fourteen Sunday Schools and delegates' names enrolled as follows:

Bakersville—Rev. L. H. Greene, Prof. S. J. Sparks and J. C. Bowman.

Bear Creek—M. V. Buchanan, J. Y. Sparks and Carrie Sparks.

Beaver Creek—John Duncan.

McKinney Cove—C. H. McKinney.

Roaring Creek—Roby T. Lewis, Rev. S. A. Hughes, J. G. Hughes, H. C. Stanley, N. V. Hughes, W. L. McKinney, Joseph Puckett, Miss Celia Puckett, Miss Texie Hughes and J. P. Hughes.

Roan Mountain—Rev. S. M. Greene, Zeb Singleton, Betty Ann Greene, Laura Buchanan and Larcenia Buchanan.

Fork Mountain—D. M. Cook, Celia Birchfield and Maggie Hughes.

Cob Creek—Robert Slagle and Willis Canipe.

Pleasant Hill—Joseph Sparks, Malton Buchanan, William Buchanan.

Cane Creek—Annie Buchanan, Mattie Buchanan, Cardia Woody, Lafayette English and Taylor Buchanan.

Little Rock Creek—W. D. Wilson, P. L. Greene, Lockie Randolph, Mary Greene and Lelia Randolph.

Liberty Hill—Manning Ledford, Julius Stafford.

White Oak—M. Wilson, Bristo Buchanan and Brown McKinney.

Lilly Branch—Letter, but no delegate.

At the conclusion of the reading of the letters the Convention proceeded to elect a President and Secretary, which resulted in the election of Rev. S. M. Greene as President and Roby T. Lewis as Secretary.

The President appointed committees as follows:

On Program—Rev. L. H. Greene, Stokes Buchanan and Hon. J. C. Bowman.

On Preaching—H. B. Buchanan, G. H. Ward and M. Wilson.

On Finance—R. T. Lewis and Stokes Buchanan.

On motion the Convention took a recess until 2:30 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Convention reassembled at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Joseph Sparks led the Convention in prayer.

Committee on Program made the following report:

Your Committee on Program submits the following report:

1. Which is the cheapest; to take the children to Sunday school or stay at home?
2. How should we proceed to get church members to take an interest in the Sunday school?
3. What is the chief object of a Sunday school?
4. Is it possible for all Christians to become soul winners?
5. What blessings come to a Christian when he is forgiven sins?
6. Does the Sunday school stand by the Orphanage and Missions as it should?
7. To hold memorial services in memory of our deceased brothers J. C. Sparks, Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m.

The report was adopted.

First question taken up and discussed by Rev. L. H. Greene, Joseph Sparks and Rev. S. M. Greene in interesting short speeches, all contending that it was cheaper to take the children to the Sunday school.

Second question discussed by Rev. S. A. Hughes, M. L. Wilson, Rev. L. H. Greene, Rev. Anderson Sparks and the President. The President recognized and invited to a seat in the Convention Mrs. C. M. V. Follett, of Durham, N. C. Sister Follett is out in the interest of the Woman's Missionary Society.

On motion of Rev. L. H. Greene, the President appointed Mrs. C. M. V. Follett and Stokes Buchanan a committee on literature.

The Committee on Preaching report that Rev. L. H. Greene will preach at 11 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

On motion the Convention adjourned till 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Second Day—Saturday, August 26.

Convention met according to adjournment. Sang, "There is a fountain filled with blood." Rev. Yates Sparks led the Convention in prayer.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Third question on program taken up and spoken to by Rev. S. M. Greene.

On motion the program was dispensed with so as to allow Committee on Literature to report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Your committee wishes to heartily emphasize the use of the literature prepared by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. There is a complete line of these helps, so graded in teachers' quarterlies and papers as to suit all needs and conditions. Also Kind Words should be in every home. A new publication, the Superintendents' Quarterly, meets a long-felt need. It is the opinion of your Committee that the use of a Baptist catechism will be a great help and blessing in teaching the single truths of the Bible to the primary and junior departments. The one compiled by Rev. J. B. Taylor, D. D., may be secured from Baptist Book Store, Raleigh, N. C. The use of good literature helps every department of the Sunday school, thus making the church an increasing power for usefulness in soul saving.

Respectfully submitted,
STOKES BUCHANAN,
MRS. C. M. V. FOLLETT,
Committee.

Spoken to by Stokes Buchanan and adopted.

Recess of ten minutes taken, at the expiration of which time the Convention reassembled.

Rev. L. H. Greene preached an interesting sermon. Text: Acts 9:6. "And the Lord said unto him: Arise." At the conclusion of the sermon the President announced the Convention adjourned until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention met according to adjournment. Choir spent ten minutes in good singing. Rev. Anderson Sparks led the Convention in prayer. The Secretary called the roll and marked absentees.

It was decided that the next session of this Convention be held with Pleasant Hill Church, postoffice, Frank, N. C., beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1906, and that Charles McKinney preach the introductory sermon.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance submits the following report: We have received from the Sunday schools $9.60.

R. T. LEWIS,
STOKES BUCHANAN,
Committee.

It was ordered that the Secretary report the proceedings of this Convention to the Association, and that he have $3.00 for his service.

An interesting lecture was given on the Missionary Work of the Southern Baptist Convention and Woman's Missionary Society, by Sister C. M. V. Follett.

Rev. L. H. Greene introduced Bro. S. J. Sparks, principal of Bowman Academy, to the Convention, and he delivered an excellent address on the Necessity of a Christian Education. He was followed by Hon J. C. Bowman.

A collection was taken up for the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage. Amount received, $2.70.

On motion the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

THIRD DAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 27.

Convention met according to adjournment, and was called to order by the President. Choir spent twenty minutes in good singing. The President read some Scripture. Rev. G. H. Ward led the Convention in prayer.

Revs. S. M. Greene, L. H. Greene, Joseph Sparks, G. H. Ward and S. A. Hughes spoke in touching memory of Bro. J. C. Sparks.

Recess of ten minutes was taken, at the expiration of which time Rev. Anderson Sparks preached a good sermon from Luke 14:23. At the conclusion of the sermon the President announced the Convention adjourned, to meet with Pleasant Hill Sunday School, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1906.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Convention are due and are hereby tendered this church and community at large for their kindness during this meeting.

S. M. GREENE, President,
Clarisa, N. C.

ROBY T. LEWIS, Secretary, Valley, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLE, 1905.

Name of School.	Superintendents.	Secretary.	Post Office.	Number Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Number of Teachers.	Minute Fund.	Other Expenses.
Bakersville	S. J. Black	W. G. Poteet	Bakersville	130	75	7	$ 1 00	$ 47 35
Bear Creek	J. Y. Sparks	A. W. Willis	Ledger	106	67	...	1 05	149 92
Beaver Creek	William Grindstaff	Alpheus Thomas	Spruce Pine	.....	65	5	50	20 45
Cane Creek	W. W. Buchanan	Cardia Woody	Hawk	130	103	6	1 00	58 15
Cub Creek	S. W. Conley	W. M. Canipe	Toe Cane	.....	40	5	40	131 74
Fork Mountain	A. S. Burleson	F. W. Young	Little Rock Creek	75	60	8	35	5 00
Little Rock Creek	Stokes Buchanan	J. E. Randolph	Glen Ayre	90	70	4	1 05	15 24
Lily Branch	V. T. Fortner	Wallace Greene	Wing	87	65	8	40	15 00
Liberty Hill	Isaac Cox	S. M. Sparks	Estatoe	60	50	6	40	7 00
McKinley Cove	P. M. Wilson	J. L. McKinney	Bakersville	55	35	4	50	5 00
Pleasant Hill	Joseph Sparks	Malton Buchanan	Frank	.....	43	6	80	4 50
Roaring Creek	Roby T. Lewis	J. G. Hughes	Valley	100	75	7	1 00	40 76
Roan Mountain	Wesley Buchanan	M. L. Buchanan	Clarrissa	.....	64	....	75	21 87
White Oak	A. F. McKinney	J. I. Buchanan	Bakersville	.....	43	....	.....	10 19
Mine Creek	.....	Robert Johnson	Bakersville	99	76	9	40	20 75
Total	.....	.....	.....	932	931	75	960	551 82

REV. S. M. GREENE,

Moderator of Mitchell County Baptist Association.

This is the sixteenth term as Moderator. Attended thirty-eight sessions, not missing one during the thirty-eight years.

Our Moderator is not surpassed in North Carolina, and doubt if his equal has ever presided over an Association with more dignity and zealous interest than has our dearly beloved brother. All who know him love him. May God bless his remaining days to the advancement of His cause.

W. F. DODSON, Clerk,
Bakersville, N. C.

MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Third Annual Session

OF THE

Mitchell County Baptist Association,

AND THE

Fifty-Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

Roan Mountain and Mitchell County Association

COMBINED,

HELD WITH

BEAR CREEK CHURCH, September 11, 12 and 13, 1906.

The next session of this body will be held with Grassy Creek Church, P. O. Mica, N. C., beginning on Tuesday before the third Sunday in September, 1907.

L. H. GREENE to preach the Introductory Sermon.
ISAAC GRINDSTAFF, Alternate.

GOLDSBORO, N. C.
NASH BROS., PRINTERS AND BINDERS,
1906.

OFFICERS.

Rev. S. M. Greene, Moderator.....Clarissa, N. C.
W. F. Dodson, Clerk.....Bakersville, N. C.
J. S. Poteet, Treasurer.....Bakersville, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

L. H. Greene.....Bakersville, N. C.
C. H. McKinney....Bakersville, N. C.
Isaac Grindstaff....Bakersville, N. C.
R. M. Young.....Bakersville, N. C.
J. W. Duncan.....Ledger, N. C.
J. C. Blalock.....Ledger, N. C.
D. A. Gouge.....Bandana, N. C.
J. C. Thomas.....Bandana, N. C.
S. A. Hughes.....Valley, N. C.
S. M. Pittman.....Frank, N. C.
E. A. Stamey.....Altamont, N. C.
R. Pittman .....Ledger, N. C.
Anderson Sparks .....Ledger, N. C.
R. L. Smith.....Crossnore, N. C.
Troy Jones.....Montezuma, N. C.
James B. Reid.....Hughes, N. C.
E. M. Johnson.....Plumtree, N. C.
W. H. Ollis.....Ingalls, N. C.
J. R. Waycaster.....Estatoe, N. C.
B. M. Hoyle.....Estatoe, N. C.
J. R. Boone.....Estatoe, N. C.
S. M. Greene.....Clarissa, N. C.
W. S. Buchanan.....Clarissa, N. C.
H. B. Buchanan.....Glen Ayre, N. C.
J. W. Putman....Magnetic City, N. C.
W. D. Mace.....Linville Falls, N. C.
R. S. Hayes.....Saginaw, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

William Gardner.....Senia, N. C.
L. Burleson .....Bandana, N. C.
J. W. Carpenter.....Hughes, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

LEDGER, N. C., September 11, 1906.

The Mitchell County Baptist Association met this day with the Bear Creek Baptist Church at 11:15 a. m., and after a good talk by the Moderator, he read the 122nd Psalm. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Duncan from Numbers 13:14. Remarks of Moderator well taken. Assignment of delegates read by Bro. Milton Buchanan.

Motion carried that we adjourn until 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment. Opened by singing and prayer by Rev. J. C. Thomas. The Moderator called the session to order and received twenty-one letters.

Motion carried to receive newly constituted churches. Received, none.

Moved by Bro. W. H. Ollis that the clerk cast the vote of this body for Rev. S. M. Greene as Moderator. Motion carried.

Moved by Rev. J. C. Blalock that Rev. J. W. Duncan cast the ballot of this body for W. F. Dodson for Clerk. Motion carried.

On motion of Rev. L. H. Greene, the Moderator called for visiting brethren, and the following brother, W. A. Charles, of the Nolachuckey Association of Tennessee, responded.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Committee on Preaching—With Delegates of Bear Creek, W. M. Greene and W. M. Ellis.

Committee on Education—S. J. Sparks, D. W. Greene and L. H. Greene.

Committee on State Missions—J. W. Duncan, Reuben Young and Livingston Johnson.

Committee on Temperance—Rev. Isaac Grindstaff and J. C. Blalock.

Committee on Periodicals—L. H. Greene, W. H. Hollis and J. S. Farmer.

Committee on Orphanage—J. C. Thomas, Will Robertson and Anderson Sparks.

Committee on Nominations—D. R. Silver and W. S. Buchanan.

Committee on Finance—J. A. Wetherman, P. H. Grindstaff and D. J. English.

Committee on Foriegn Missions—S. J. Sparks, L. H. Greene, J. C. Blalock and Livingston Johnson.

Committee on Ministerial Relief—Stephen Willis and Yates Sparks.

Committee on Home Missions—Rev. Chas. McKinney and John Gouge.

Committee on Preaching report that Rev. J. C. Thomas preach at 11 a. m. and Rev. J. R. Gouge at 2 p. m.

The W. M. S. meets at 9:30 a. m. to-morrow.

Motion to adjourn until 8:30 a. m. to-morrow.

Prayer by Rev. L. H. Greene.

Second Day's Session.

September 11th.

The Association met at 8:30 a. m., with Moderator in the chair. Devotional service conducted by Livingston Johnson. The body was called to order by the Moderator and yesterday's minutes read and approved.

Roll of churches called and absent delegates marked.

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Bear Creek—J. C. Blalock, J. W. Duncan, A. F. Sparks, Reuben Pitman, J. Y. Sparks, S. M. Willis, John Willis, Arthur Buchanan, Stephen Sparks and Isaac Grindstaff.

Little Rock Creek—W. M. Ellis and Chas. Gouge.

Mine Creek—P. H. Grindstaff, Jas. Young and R. M. Grindstaff.

Fork Mountain—David Burchfield.

Flat Rock—John Turbyfield and Jackson Willis.

Lilly Branch—D. T. Fortune, J. J. Murdock, D. W. Greene and David Hoyle.

Oak Grove—T. Jones, A. J. Taylor and W. M. Oaks.

Greene Valley—W. H. Ollis and J. A. Weatherman.

Mount Pleasant—John Hall, Joe Burleson and P. T. Benfield.

Liberty Hill—S. M. Sparks, W. A. McKinney and Chas. Woody.

Silver Chapel—D. R. Silver and W. A. Robinson.

McKinney Cove—Rev. C. H. McKinney, Johnson McKinney and Sam McKinney.

Aaron—J. P. Davis.

Pleasant Hill—Henry Hailman, Molton Buchanan and William Buchanan.

Spring Creek—Dock Butler.

Beaver Creek—Timie Pitman, Gilbert Pitman and W. M. Grindstaff.

Big Rock Creek—Landon Buchanan and B. A. Bryant.

Big Meadows—Z. D. Pyatt.

Grassy Creek—D. M. Washburn and D. P. Hollifield.

Gouge Chapel—G. W. Cook and John Cook.

Cane Creek—W. M. Ward, W. M. Greene, J. L. Buchanan and John Burleson.

White Oak—Robert Wilson and J. I. Buchanan.

Red Hill—W. G. Turbyfield and Willie Canipe.

Bakersville—L. H. Greene, S. J. Sparks and W. F. Dodson.

Yellow Mountain—Vester Stafford, Thad Braswell and R. S. Grady.

The Moderator called for visiting brethren and received the following: Rev. Livingston Johnson, J. S. Farmer and P. Randolph, from the Yancey Association.

Motion carried that the reports on missions be read this afternoon:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, the Committee on Foreign Missions, find a considerable increase in the contribution to this cause during the past year, also we are pleased to note the increased interest in this great field of labor for the Master; but we are sorry to note some confusion in many of the churches on this question.

We find that our dearly beloved brother, Rev. T. S. Blalock, has been left under the impression in the past that the churches of this Association will support him as a foreign missionary to China, while most of the churches seem to desire to work in harmony with the Board.

We therefore recommend that each church take a decided stand where God directs and notify Bro. Blalock if they mean to support him or if they don't, that he may know just what to expect.

We further recommend that each church organize a Woman's Missionary Society, and both church and pastor support it with all the power God will furnish when duty has been done. SAM. J. SPARKS.

Motion carried that W. H. Ollis, D. R. Silver and J. S. Farmer be appointed a committee on our Sunday schools.

The Moderator appointed a committee to decide where the next Association be held and who shall preach the introductory sermon.

Motion that the report on periodicals be received:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Baptists believe in education and culture. We believe in the Bible and urge all of our people to read it diligently.

We also recommend the Biblical Recorder, the organ of our Baptist State Convention. It has served our cause for more than seventy-two years, and is now better able to serve than ever before in its history. Every Baptist should take and read the Recorder, for this is the only way to keep in touch with all departments of our work.

We also recommend Charity and Children, the organ of our Orphanage. It is the finest paper of its kind in our knowledge, and is worthy of a place in every Sunday school and home.

We further recommend the Foreign Mission Journal and Our Home Field and the literature of our Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted,
L. H. GRREENE,
J. L. FARMER,
W. H. OLLIS.

Report was spoken to by L. H. Greene and J. S. Farmer. Report adopted.

Motion carried that the report of J. S. Poteet, Treasurer, be received:

REPORT ON BOWMAN ACADEMY.

The amounts which I have received for the Bowman Academy since September 12, 1905, are as follows:

1905.		
Sept. 12	By amount carried from last year	$ 1.58
Nov. 13	By amount from entertainment at Academy	11.48
1906.		
Jan. 16	By J. A. Riddle, on stove exchange	1.00
Jan. 30	By Cash, J. S. Poteet, for desks for Academy	1.00
Feb. 8	By Cash, S. M. Greene, for Academy	5.00
Mar. 12	By Cash, L. H. Greene, for desks for Academy	.50
Mar. 12	By Cash, J. A. Riddle, for desks for Academy	.50
Mar. 12	By Cash, Mrs. Young, per S. J. Sparks, for desks for Academy	2.50
Mar. 14	By Cash, J. A. Riddle, for desks for Academy	.40
Mar. 14	By Cash, J. S. Poteet, for desks for Academy	.50

Apr. 2	—By Cash, J. W. Berry, for desks for Academy	.50
Apr. 2	—By Cash, S. J. Sparks, for desks for Academy	.50
Apr. 2	—By Cash, W. F. Dodson, for desks for Academy	1.00
	Total	$ 26.46

J. S. POTEET, Treasurer.

September 10, 1906.

The amount paid out on the Bowman Academy, by order of the Board, since September 20, 1905, is as follows:

1905.		
Sept. 20	—Paid Vard. Garland for work on house	$ .75
Sept. 13	—Paid for two books for Treasurer and Secretary	.65
Sept. 23	—Paid for one order book	.05
Nov. 13	—Paid for windows and glass for Academy	11.48
1906.		
Jan. 16	—Paid on stove for Academy	1.00
Mar. 14	—Paid Robt. McKinney, for desks	5.40
Apr. 3	—Paid Robt. McKinney, for desks	2.00
May 8	—Paid I. H. Bailey, for door lock	1.00
	Total	$ 22.33

Balance on hand, $4.13.

J. S. POTEET, Treasurer.

September 10, 1906.

Motion carried that Rev. J. S. Farmer preach at 11 a. m. Text, John 10:10.

FROM BAKERSVILLE CHURCH.

What ought to be done with a Baptist church which practices open communion, or a Baptist minister inviting members of other denominations to the Lord's table?

The Moderator appointed Revs. L. H. Greene, Isaac Grindstaff and J. W. Duncan as a committee to investigate the query.

The query answered by Rev. Livingston Johnson.

The Baptists believe that there are but two ordinances—Baptism and the Lord's Supper. They believe that nothing but immersion is baptism. They believe that baptism precedes and is prerequisite to the Lord's Supper. Therefore they hold that only those who have been immersed should be invited to the Lord's table. Any Baptist church or Baptist minister who invites to the Lord's table members of other denominations is guilty of a disorderly practice.

We would advise that a committee be appointed by the Association to advise with such church or pastor, with a view of showing them that their conduct is contrary to Baptist doctrine and practice. If a church, after such conference, should persist in such conduct, we believe that the Association should withdraw fellowship from it, and that the name of its pastor be dropped from the list of ordained ministers.

LIVINGSTON JOHNSON,
J. S. FARMER.

Motion carried that the report be adopted.

Motion carried to adjourn to 1:30 p. m.

Dismissed by Rev. Livingston Johnson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment, Moderator in chair.
Reading of Roan Mountain Letter.

Roan Mountain—Rev. S. M. Greene, W. S. Buchanan, J. Z. Singleton, J. C. Wilson, W. J. Wilson, Reuben Young and A. Greene.

J. H. Abe, of the Catawba Association, was invited to a seat with us, also Rev. E. S. Richards, of Spruce Pine.
Report of State Missions read and adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Brethren, we, your committee, find on last year's report there were about 130 missionaries sent out, and yet all the destitution is not yet supplied, and the Lord is depending on us to give of our means as he prospers us, that it cannot be said there is a destitute place in our beloved State of North Carolina.

REV. J. W. DUNCAN, Chairman,
REV. R. M. YOUNG,
LIVINGSTON JOHNSON.

Pledges for State Missions.

Roan Mountain	$ 5.00	Grassy Creek	3.00
Bear Creek	5.00	Green Valley	2.50
Little Rock Creek	5.00	Pleasant Hill	2.00
Mine Creek (Pd.)	3.00	McKinney Cove	2.00
Fork Mountain	5.00	Beaver Creek	2.50
Lilly Branch	5.00	Cane Creek	5.00
Yellow Mountain	5.00	Burleson Chapel	2.00
Bakersville	10.00		
Liberty Hill	3.00		$55.00

Spoken to by Rev. Livingston Johnson, who gave one of his best lectures from his map and in his able way.

Motion carried that on to-morrow we take a public collection for Bro. T. L. Blalock.

Motion carried to receive the Finance Report:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report that we have received funds amounting to $26.55.

Respectfully submitted,
D. J. ENGLISH,
R. M. GRINDSTAFF,
JAS. WEATHERMAN.

Motion carried that Articles of Faith be printed in our minutes.

The committee reports that the Association meets with the Grassy Creek Church, on Tuesday before the third Sunday in September,

1907, and that L. H. Greene preach the introductory sermon, and Isaac Grindstaff be his alternate.

The following names were reported on nominations: W. M. Greene, S. J. Turner, W. A. Robinson, W. H. Ollis, M. L. Wilson, D. W. Greene, who were duly elected.

Motion carried to re-elect J. S. Poteet Treasurer.

Motion to adjourn until 8:30 a. m. to-morrow.

Third Day's Session.

September 13th.

The Association met according to adjournment. Opened by singing and devotional services. Body called to order by Moderator.

The Moderator ordered the ministers to hand their reports to the Clerk.

Motion carried to receive the report on Home Missions.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home Missions, report as follows: Owing to the increase of our population and great number of immigrants coming to our country, we feel that there is great need of Home Mission work being done, and we would recommend that this Association establish Mission Stations wherever they see it convenient, and that they support the same by their means and influence.

Respectfully,
C. H. McKINNEY, Chairman,
J. A. GOUGE,
W. S. BUCHANAN.

Spoken to by the Moderator.

Motion carried that the report on Temperance be received.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee, submit the following:

Whereas, the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors in the land has become the great foe of all moral, civil and religious progress, and

Whereas, this blighting curse is ruining the young men of our country and making demons of loving husbands and affectionate fathers, thus bringing grief and discord to many happy homes, leaving nothing but trouble and destitution in the lines of its awful progress.

Submitted,
J. C. BLALOCK,
J. GRINDSTAFF.

Spoken to by J. C. Blalock, S. J. Sparks and Livingston Johnson.

Resolved, by the ministers and delegates of Mitchell County Association, That it is our unanimous voice that we advise our representative in our next Legislature to use his influence and vote to remove the whisky saloons and curse of intemperance out of McDowell county and surrounding counties, which is now the greatest evil we have to contend with.

Motion carried that the resolution from the ministers and delegates be adopted.

Motion carried that the report on Education be received.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, the Committee on Education, find an increasing interest in education, also that other denominations than the Baptists are making considerable headway in school work and are thoroughly awake to the educational situation in the county. We further find in the county a lack of co-operation among the Baptists of the Association, and therefore beg to recommend a stronger organization, and prayerfully beg for more hearty co-operation on the part of preachers, teachers and brethren of the church. Also we would beg for more interest and greater attendance on the public schools, and ask committeemen who are Baptists to look for Baptist interests.

To those who are seeking higher education we most heartily recommend Wake Forest College and the Baptist University for Women as institutions doing a great work for God's cause in the State.

SAM. J. SPARKS,
L. H. GREENE,
D. W. GREENE.

Spoken to by S. J. Sparks and L. H. Greene.

Motion carried that the report on Women's Home Mission work be received.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

We, the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Mitchell County Association, beg to submit the following report:

We have now ten organized societies, five of which are actively engaged in mission work. These societies have contributed $2.30 for mission work. Many are struggling and making sacrifices for this work, that God alone can know. They are struggling not only against the adverse circumstances in the different communities, but also against an anti-mission spirit in some of the churches and an occasional anti-mission sermon. But through all God is upholding His cause, and we sincerely beg the churches, and especially the pastors, to stand by this work, which means so much to the life of every church and the progress of God's cause.

LUCRETIA YOUNG, Vice-President.

Spoken to by Rev. Livingston Johnson and L. H. Greene.

Motion carried that the report on Sunday Schools be read.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

This is one of our most important works. When we consider the fact that 85 per cent. of our converts come from the Sunday schools, can any church neglect this important work? Yet there are five hundred churches in North Carolina with no Sunday school.

Our Secretary, H. C. Moore, is doing his best to lead us to greater efficiency in this work.

Your committee recommends that each church in the Mitchell Association strive to conduct a Sunday school twelve months in the year, and make each school as efficient as possible. Special attention should be given to the study of God's word. The best teachers should be secured, and the work

pushed in every church. A Sunday school in every church and every member in the Sunday school should be our aim.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. FARMER,
W. H. OLLIS,
D. R. SILVER.

Motion to take up public collection for T. L. Blalock, who is a missionary in China. Carried, and the amount taken was $10.53.

Report on Ministerial Relief read and adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

The Ministerial Relief Board is located at Durham. One-third of all contributions sent is invested as a permanent fund, the interest only of which can be used. The other two-thirds goes to supply the needs of indigent ministers. Last year there were twenty-six beneficiaries, to each of whom was given over fifty dollars. We have as an invested fund $6,000, which bears interest $360. The churches contributed last year $2,120.85, making, with the interest, $2,480.83. This is a pitiably small amount for the hundred and eighty thousand white Baptists in the State to give for the support of those who have worn themselves out preaching the Gospel. Many of these brethren labored on hard fields and received but little compensation for their services. They were not able to lay by anything for old age. Will we not gladly contribute to their support, now that they can no longer work?

S. M. WILLIS,
J. Y. SPARKS,
LIVINGSTON JOHNSON.

The churches are requested to make a donation to Ministers' Relief Board about Christmas, so the Board can distribute the same to the needy ones.

Report on the Orphanage read by W. A. Robinson, and motion carried to receive same.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We, the Committee on the Baptist Orphanage, located at Thomasville, N. C., find that in the twenty-two years since it first invited orphan children to enter its doors and find a home, that it has come into possession of a 350-acre tract of land and has all the necessary stock and equipment, and has buildings to accommodate more than three hundred children, which number is there now. We also find it has expenses to be met and that God has enjoined it upon us to visit the fatherless, also that the Orphanage publishes a weekly paper, designed to inform the public on all matters referring to the Orphanage, as well as general religious topics.

Whereas, the said Orphanage agrees to furnish all Sunday schools with this paper which will take a collection once each month, we beg to recommend that each Sunday school in this Association act upon the question at once and have the superintendent order as many copies of the paper as the school may need, and then take the regular monthly collection, thereby widening the circle of Orphanage friends and increasing the glory of God.

REV. J. C. THOMAS,
REV. A. F. SPARKS,
W. A. ROBINSON.

Motion carried that the Clerk have 500 Minutes printed, and the Clerk have the remainder for his services.

The following resolution adopted, tendering our thanks to Bear Creek Church:

At 11 a. m. Rev. Livingston Johnson preached from John 20:21; 15:9; Luke 22:9.

Motion to adjourn, to meet with Grassy Creek Baptist Church, on Tuesday before the third Sunday in September, 1906.

REV. S. M. GREENE, *Moderator,*
Clarissa, N. C.

W. F. DODSON, *Clerk,* Bakersville, N. C.

REPORT ON BOWMAN ACADEMY.

We, the managers of the Bowman Academy, beg leave to submit the following report: That during the last year our school has been under the management of Prof. S. J. Sparks. The school will be opened up again this fall under the management of Prof. J. W. Bradley, of Mars Hill, N. C.

L. H. GREENE, Chairman.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the members of this church, also the whole community, for their generous hospitality.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS.

I have preached sixty sermons, received $45.00 and baptized 16.

ANDERSON SPARKS.

During the past year I have had the care of four churches, preached 135 sermons and 39 exhortations, baptized 138. Amount received, $241.00.

S. M. GREENE.

I have given a good part of my time in preaching and helping in protracted meetings during the past year. J. C. BLALOCK.

I have had charge of one church for the past year. Have preached regularly there. Preached several sermons at other churches. Held one revival and given my whole influence for the mission and educational cause.

Respectfully, SAM J. SPARKS.

During the past year I have had the care of one church, baptized three, labored in different places and witnessed several conversions.

C. H. McKINNEY.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

In all I have labored 182 days, baptized 30, witnessed 102 conversions, received into the church 58, preached 203 sermons, received $285.

L. H. GREENE, Missionary.

Year.	WITH WHAT CHURCH.	MODERATOR.	CLERK	PREACHER OF ANNUAL SERMON.	MONTH OF MEETING.
1884	Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putman	L. H. Greene	September 14
1885	Little Rock Creek	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putman	T. H. McCoury	September 15
1886	Toe River	L. H. Greene	S. M. Collis	S. M Collis	September 7
1887	Elk Park	S. M. Collis	Wm. G Buchanan	S. M. Greene	August 18
1888	Mine Creek	J. W. Duncan.	S. M. Greene	E. Buchanan	August 16
1889	Grassy Creek	J. W. Duncan.	S. M. Greene	J. C. Sparks	August 13
1890	Aaron	S. M. Greene	Wm. G. Buchanan	W. H. Ollis	September 25
1891	Fork Mountain.	J. C. Sparks	D W. Greene.	L. H. Greene	September 24
1892	Big Rock Creek	Wm. G. Buchanan	J. W. Putman	W. A. Roberson	September 22
1893	Big Meadows	S. M. Greene.	J. W. Putman	J. W. Putman	August 31
1894	Roan Mountain.	L. H. Greene	S. M. Greene	L. H Greene.	August 30
1895	Lily Branch	L. H. Greene	D. W. Greene	J. W. Putman	August 27
1896	Mount Pleasant.	S M. Greene.	D. W Greene	G. P. Bostic	September 3
1897	Little Rock Creek	S. M. Greene.	D. W. Greene.	S. M. Greene.	September 16
1898	Bear Creek	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene.	P. J. Shell	September 15
1899	Yellow Mountain	S. M. Greene.	D. W Greene	T. M. Honeycutt	September 14
1900	Bakersville	S. M. Greene.	D. W Greene.	A. E. Brown	September 13
1901	Liberty Hill	S. M. Greene.	D W Greene.	J. B. Naugle	September 12
1902	Cane Creek	S M. Greene.	D. W. Greene.	J. W. Duncan	September 16
1903	Aaron	S. M. Greene.	W F Dodson.	L. H Greene	September 15
1904	Roan Mountain.	S. M. Greene.	W. F. Dodson.	T. M. Reid	September 13
1905	Roaring Creek	S. M. Greene.	W F. Dodson	A. E. Brown	September 12
1906	Bear Creek	S. M. Greene.	W. F Dodson.	J. W. Duncan.	September 11

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 11TH, 1906.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Sunday of Worship.	Increase.			Decrease.			Total Membership.	Minute Fund.	Education.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	Home Missions.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Expenses.	Other Objects.
				Baptisms.	By Letter.	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.										
Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene	J. Z. Singleton	3	26	3	.....	6	.....	1	207	$ 1 35	$.....	$.....	$ 5 00	$.....	$ 5 00	$48 55	$.....	$24 00
Bear Creek	S. M. Greene	M. Buchanan	4	6	11	2	2	5	1	294	2 15	15 00	50 40	1 00	6 70	19 00	.....	43 13	37 00
Little Rock Creek	S. M Greene	J. A. Buchanan	1	11	6	7	1	2	.....	238	1 40	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	38 60	.....	30 00
Big Rock Creek	J. W. Putman	B. A. Bryant	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mine Creek	J. C. Thomas	P. H. Grindstaff	1	5	1	.....	2	2	1	144	75	.....	.....	3 00	.....	3 00	46 80	.....	33 02
Fork Mountain	L. H. Greene	D. M. Cook	1	6	.....	3	3	5	3	130	1 30	.....	.....	2 50	.....	2 51	42 25	.....	206 00
Lilly Branch	L. H. Greene	D. W. Greene	3	6	2	1	2	.....	.....	119	1 20	5 00	1 80	.....	.....	2 04	60 00	8 00	350 00
Yellow Mountain	L. H. Greene	George Wright	2	13	3	2	3	.....	4	130	1 10	.....	2 40	2 90	.....	4 70	100 00	9 00	80 00
Mount Pleasant	Troy Jones	B. W. Shone	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	184	30	.....	.....	2 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bakersville	L. H. Greene	M. C. Pannell	4	4	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	107	1 15	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	72 00	75 00	36 00
Silver Chapel	S. J. Sparks	D. A. Gouge	1	4	7	5	.....	.....	1	139	1 20	15 00	9 29	.....	12 00	.....	55 00	12 95	35 00
Liberty Hill	S. D. Tipton	S. M. Sparks	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	78	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 70	25 00	13 35	52 55
Big Meadows	E. A. Stamey	Z. D. Pyatt	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Creek	J. W. Putman	L. Garland	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	5 00	198 00
Grassy Creek	S. D. Tipton	Mills Hollifield	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	130	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Green Valley	J. C. Blalock	J. A. Leatherman	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 15	.....	.....	.....	2 70	2 00	30 00	6 30	.....
Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pitman	V. B. Hicks	4	4	5	.....	.....	.....	1	75	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 43	.....	109 74
Flat Rock	J. W. Duncan	J. M. Turbyfield	.....	8	1	.....	3	2	.....	66	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....
McKinney Cove	C. H. McKinney	W. A. McKinney	4	5	1	1	2	.....	1	62	55	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	5 00	10 40
Aaron	C. S. Farthing	C. P. Braswell	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	75	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....
Oak Grove	E. M. Gragg	A. A. Johnson	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	2	47	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cane Creek	S. M. Greene	C. H Wise	2	10	2	7	2	3	4	224	2 10	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	70 00	46 45	14 28
Beaver Creek	R. Pitman	Gil Pitman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	52	50	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	29 00	.....	4 00
Red Hill	Isaac Grindstaff	Geo. Turbyfield	2	2	1	.....	2	3	1	17	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	13 80
White Oak	J. C. Thomas	Robert Wilson	4	2	1	.....	1	.....	.....	76	1 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	10 00
Gouge's Chapel	J. W. Putman	G. W. Cook	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	2	1	41	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 30	.....	.....
Total			.....	132	45	30	30	25	24	2731	25 30	35 00	66 39	35 15	21 40	52 82	.....	.....	.....

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ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE MITCHELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article I. We believe in one only living and true God, and that there be three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one in substance and equal in power and glory.

Art. II. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

Art. III. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. IV. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

Art. V. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Art. VI. We believe the saints shall persevere in grace and that they never shall fall finally away.

Art. VII. We believe baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects thereof.

Art. VIII. We believe the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

Art. IX. We believe no person has a right to administer the ordinances but such as are regularly called and qualified thereunto.

Art. X. We believe that no man should be ordained to the ministry without the unanimous voice of the church to which he belongs.

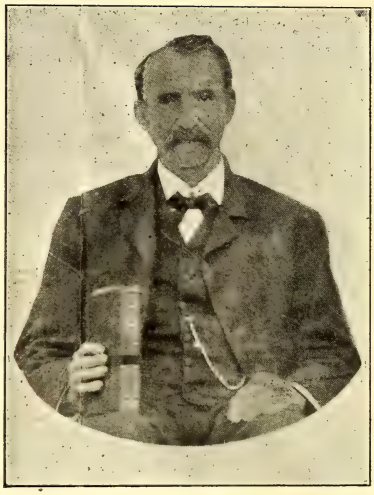
Art. XI. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

Art. XII. We, the members of the Mitchell County Baptist Association, agreeing to the above Article of Faith, do, for and in behalf of the churches whom we represent, covenant, agree and give ourselves up to each other in church and Christian fellowship, in order to keep up the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace, and to assist each other in all matters of distress, and to pray for each other's prosperity.

PROGRAM 1908.

1st —Introductory Sermon.
2nd—Organization.
3rd—Reception of Church Letters.
4th—Reception of new churches.
5th.—Reading of Church Letters.
6th—Election of Moderator and Clerk.
7th—Call visiting and corresponding delegates.
8th—Appointment of Committees.
9th—Roll call of churches.
10th—Reception of reports.
11th—Reception of Resolutions.

S. M. Green, Moderator,
W. F. Dodson, Clerk.



REV. S. M. GREENE,

Moderator of Mitchell County Baptist Association.

This is the seventeenth term as Moderator. Attended thirty-nine sessions, not missing one during the thirty-nine years.

Our Moderator is not surpassed in North Carolina, and doubt if his equal has ever presided over an Association with more dignity and zealous interest than has our dearly beloved brother. All who know him love him. May God bless his remaining days to the advancement of His cause.

We doubt if any association in the State can boast of as good a Moderator as the Mitchell. We all love him and his demeanor as a presiding officer is not surpassed by any one. May God bestow on him during the evening of his life His richest blessing.

W. F. DODSON, Clerk,
Bakersville, N. C.

Minutes

OF THE

Twenty-Fourth Annual Session

OF THE

Mitchell County Baptist Association

AND THE

Fifty-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

Roan Mountain and Mitchell County Association

COMBINED.

HELD WITH

Grassy Creek Church, September 10, 11 and 12, 1907.

The next session of this body will be held with Silver Chapel Church, P. O. Bandana, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1908.

S. M. GREENE to preach the Introductory Sermon.
ISAAC GRINDSTAFF, Alternate.

GOLDSBORO, N. C.
NASH BROS., PRINTERS AND BINDERS,
1907.

OFFICERS.

Rev. S. M. Greene, Moderator..... Clarissa, N. C.
W. F. Dodson, Clerk..... Bakersville, N. C.
D. J. English, Treasurer..... Bakersville, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

L. H. Greene....Bakersville, N. C.
C. H. McKinney..Bakersville, N. C.
Isaac Grindstaff..Bakersville N. C.
R. M. Young....Bakersville, N. C.
J. W. Duncan.....Ledger, N. C.
J. C. Blalock.....Ledger, N. C.
D. A. Gouge.....Bandana, N. C.
J. C. Thomas.....Bandana, N. C.
S. A. Hughes.....Valley, N. C.
S. M. Pittman.....Frank, N. C.
E. A. Stamey.....Altamont, N. C.
R. Pittman.....Ledger, N. C.
Anderson Sparks....Ledger, N. C.
Troy Jones.....Montezuma, N. C.
James B. Reid.....Hughes, N. C.
E. M. Johnson.....Plumtree, N. C.
W. H. Ollis.....Ingalls, N. C.
J. R. Waycaster.....Estatoe, N. C.
B. M. Hoyle.....Estatoe, N. C.
J. R. Boone.....Estatoe, N. C.
S. M. Greene.....Clarissa, N. C.
W. S. Buchanan.....Clarissa, N. C.
H. B. Buchanan.....Glen Ayre, N. C.
J. W. Putnam....Magnetic City, N. C.
R. S. Hayes.....Saginaw, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

William Gardner..... Senia, N. C. L. Burleson..... Bandana, N. C.
J. W. Carpenter..... Hughes, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

Mica, N. C., Sept. 10th, 1907.

The Mitchell County Baptist Association met this day with the Grassy Creek Baptist Church, at 10:30 a. m.

Rev. S. M. Green, Moderator of the previous Association, called the body to order, and after a well directed talk of the Moderator he read the 4th chapter of James. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Thomas.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. L. H. Greene from 1st Kings, 14th chapter and 3rd verse.

Motion carried that we proceed to the business of the Association.

Motion carried to call for newly contributed churches and received one, the Crossnore Baptist Church. Letters received and read from 25 churches.

Moved by Bro. W. H. Ollis, that W. F. Dodson cast the ballot of the Association for Rev. S. M. Greene as Moderator. Motion carried.

Moved by L. H. Green that Rev. J. C. Blalock cast the ballot of the Association for W. F. Dodson as Clerk.

Motion carried to invite visiting brethren and A. C. Sorrells, of Green River Association, responded.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Committee on Orphanage—Isaac Grindstaff, A. F. Sorrels.
Committee on Nominations—L. H. Greene, W. F. Dodson.
Committee on Finance—D. J. English, Jos. Weatherman.
Committee on Foreign Missions—J. C. Thomas, W. A. Robinson, Joe Sparks.
Committee on Home Missions—L. H. Greene, R. D. Dixon, Rev. J. W. Putnam.
Committee on Ministers' Relief—Reuben Pittman, John Washburn.
Committee on Obituaries—W. H. Ollis, Jos. Weatherman, E. M. Johnson.
Committee on Woman's Work—D. W. Greene, Dr. C. G. Bryan.
Committee on Preaching—With Delegates of Grassy Creek, D. J. English, W. M. Greene.
Committee on Education—Chas. E. Greene, D. W. Greene.
Committee on State Missions—W. H. Ollis, E. M. Johnson.
Committee on Temperance—J. C. Blalock, A. P. Sorrels.
Committee on Periodicals—J. C. Thomas, L. H. Greene.

Motion carried that we adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock.

Assignment of delegates was read by Bro. Jno. Washburn.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint a committee on obituaries.

Adjourned till 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

September, 10th, 1907.

Met according to adjournment.

Opened by singing and prayer by Rev. A. P. Sorrells.

Two letters were received and read from Lilly Branch and Big Rock Creek.

The report of investigation regarding the query of last year's sessions was read and adopted.

REPORT ON INQUIRY.

Your committee appointed to investigate the inquiry of our last Association, submit the following report: We have been reliably informed that two or three of our churches have invited other denominations to the Lord's supper with them. We believe that this departure from the faith is largely due to the influence of certain preachers. Your committee has advised the Churches and Preachers not to do so any more, and we don't believe that they will repeat it again.

L. H. GREENE,
I. GRINDSTAFF.

Report of Treasurer was read and adopted:

Bakersville. N. C., Sept 10, 1907.

I beg leave to report that I have not received any funds this year, but have on hand $4.13 carried from last year. Respectfully.

J. S. POTEET,
Treasurer.

The Committee reported that the next Association be held with the Silver Chapel Baptist Church, commencing on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1908.

Motion carried that Rev. S. M. Greene preach the Introductory sermon and that Rev. Isaac Grindstaff be his alternate.

Motion that the churches settle the question whether or not they support the Board or Gospel Mission.

The following churches favor the Board: 16 churches in all. The remainder 11 did not report.

The Committee on Preaching report that Rev. A. P. Sorrels preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

ROLL CALL OF CHURCHES.

Roan Mt.—Rev. S. M. Greene, I. H. Wilson, D. J. English, T. W. Buchanan, S. K. Greene.
Bear Creek—John Williss, Adam Buchanan, T. J. Norman.
Big Rock Creek—B. A. Bryant, Natt Gouge, Landon Buchanan.
Mine Creek—Isaac McKinney, Rev. Isaac Grindstaff, Jno. Norman.
Fork Mt.—J. H. Childress.
Lilly Branch—Alex Hoyle, D. W. Greene, J. J. Murdock, Sam Sparks.

Yellow Mt.—Stokes Braswell, Eli Pitman.
Mt. Pleasant—Trein Penley, J. W. Carpenter.
Bakersville—L. H. Greene, J. W. T. Quinn, W. F. Dodson, Chas. E. Greene, M. D. Wilson.
Silver Chapel—Rev. J. C. Thomas, W. A. Robinson.
Red Hill—J. W. Stafford, J. D. Ledford, S. W. Cox.
Spring Creek—Rev. J. W. Putnam, J. M. Francis.
Grassy Creek—D. W. Washburn, Dula Washburn, J. M. Washburn, J. A. Quinn, D. P. Hollifield, S. W. Hollifield.
Greene Valley—Rev. W. H. Ollis, J. A. Wetherman, J. F. Ollis.
Pleasant Hill—J. A. Sparks.
Flat Rock—Robt. Hise, Jas. Turbyfield.
McKinney Cove—Adam Buchanan, J. S. McKinney.
Oak Grove—Rev. R. S. Hayes, Will Dean, Wm. Oaks.
Chestnut Grove—Brisco McKinney, Jas. Waycaster.
Cane Creek—Wm. Greene, Thos. Greene, W. B. Greene, S. P. Greene.
Beaver Creek—Wm. Grindstaff, J. M. Grindstaff.
Red Hill—Geo. D. Turbyfield.
White Oak—Wilburn Wilson, Jas. Wilson.
Gouge's Chapel—R. L. Roberts.
Linville—R. S. Hayes.
Roaring Creek—Wm. Gardner, S. M. King
Cub Creek—W. C Gouge.
Crossnore—C. A. Johnson, Chas. M. Vance, Alford Pearcy.
Little Rock Creek—J. M. Buchanan, Cain Freeman.

Motion to adjourn till 9 a. m. to-morrow.
Dismissed by Rev. J. W. Putnam.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

September 11th, 1907.

The Association met at 9 a. m. with Moderator in the chair.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. S. M. Greene.

The body was called to order by the Moderator and yesterday's minutes read and approved.

Invitation was extended to visiting brethren and W. G. Phillips, of West Pine Association, Va.; Dr. C. G. Bryan, of Surry County Baptist Association, was recognized and our body extended him a kind invitation as we hope to have him with us at our next session, as he has permanently located at Spruce Pine, N. C., to practice his profession.

The report on temperance was read by Rev. A. P. Sorrels and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The cause of temperance is advancing. We hope to have State prohibition in a short time. Local option has gained ground rapidly and is still advancing. Prohibition, in rural districts has given great relief from the

whiskey curse. The great duty of the church to-day on the question of temperance is to teach and practice total abstinence from alcoholic drinks and narcotics. The social, morning and Christmas dram should be abandoned by all church members. The churches should thoroughly, in love, discipline their membership on this great evil.

A. P. SORRELS,
J. C. BLALOCK.
Committee.

Spoken to by A. P. Sorrels and J. C. Blalock, also the Moderator.

The report on Education was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, beg to submit the following report: We believe there is an increasing interest in education in our county. We believe there has been a steady increase in the enrollment and average attendance in the public schools, but we think there is a lack of interest and co-operation among the Baptists of the Association. We would beg for more interest and still better attendance on the public schools. To those who are seeking higher education we would heartily recommend Wake Forest College and Mars Hill College.

CHARLES E. GREENE,
D. W. GREENE,
Committee.

The report was spoken to by Dr. C. G. Bryan.

The report on Periodicals was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We, your Committee on Periodicals report: We believe in the Bible first and urge all of our people to read it daily. The Biblical Recorder, our Baptist State paper, should be read by all Baptists, thereby keeping them better posted in the doings of the church of the State and Nation. We also recommend Charity and Children, the organ of our orphanage. It is worthy of a place in our Sunday Schools and our homes. We further recommend the Foreign Mission Journal and our Home Field and the literature of our Sunday School Boards.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. GREENE,
J. C. THOMAS,
R. D. DIXON,
Committee.

The report was spoken to by Rev. L. H. Greene.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by W. A. Robinson and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission tide continues to rise. Our people are praying for and giving to Foreign Missions as, perhaps, they have never done before. There were 2,239 converts baptized on our foreign fields last year and your committee advises that we do more than we have done in the past as God has promised to reward us according to our works.

REV. J. C. THOMAS,
W. A. ROBINSON,
J. A. SPARKS,
Committee.

The report was spoken to by L. H. Greene and J. C. Blalock.

The report on Nominations was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

September 10, 1907.

We, your Committee on Nominations beg leave to report the following named brethren, to-wit: W. H. Ollis, S. J. Black, S. M. C. Greene, W. M. Greene, D. W. Greene, D. J. English, Sherman Parsons as trustees for the Bowman Academy for ensuing year. We, your Committee on Nominations, advise that this Association elect Bro. D. J. English as Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
L. H. GREENE,
W. F. DODSON,
Committee.

Letter of Chestnut Grove was read.

Report of the Trustees of Bowman Academy was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF BOWMAN ACADEMY.

We, the Trustees of the Bowman Academy, beg to submit the following report:

After meeting and organizing last year, we elected Prof. S. J. Turner as principal of the school and under his management we had a very prosperous sesssion. We found the Bank of Mitchell had a debt against the Academy, which had been contracted by Bro. Bowman and we had no funds to meet the debt. We then made arrangements with the Bank to carry this debt of $166.00 until after the meeting of the Association so as to give us some time to settle the debt. We respectfully ask the Association to devise some plan by which this debt may be settled.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. OLLIS, Chmn.,
D. W. GREENE,
W. M. GREENE,
W. A. ROBINSON,
Committee.

The report was spoken to by W. H. Ollis and L. H. Greene.

Motion carried that the Trustees of Bowman Academy make a deed with conditions to the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Motion carried to reconsider the Trustees' report.

Motion carried that we take a cash collection and pledges to raise funds to pay the debt on the Bowman Academy.

Motion carried that we reconsider the question of making the Home Board a deed for the Bowman Academy.

Motion carried to take pledges for the Bowman Academy.

Another invitation was extended and accepted by Bro. A. D. Silver, of Yancey County Association, also J. K. Irby, of the Methodist Church.

The report on Finance was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report that we received funds from the several churches amounting to $30.70.

Respectfully submitted,
D. J. ENGLISH,
J. A. WEATHERMAN,
Committee.

Motion carried that the clerk have 500 copies of the minutes printed, and retain the balance of cash for his services.

An invitation was extended to Bro. Thos. Blalock, who has been a Missionary to China.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint three as a committee to secure pledges for the Bowman Academy, who are as follows: L. H. Green, L. A. Berry and W. A. Robinson.

Motion carried that the report on Obituaries be received.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

The subject of this sketch, Rev. W. D. Mace, was born in the year of A. D., 1829, in Yancey county, N. C., and lived to a ripe old age, having died during the last Associational year, at the age of 77 years. The brother was converted and embraced the Christian religion in vigorous young manhood and attached himself as a member to the Baptist church, of which he lived a faithful and consistent member to the day of his death. Soon after his consecration with the Lord's people, he entered the ministry, in which capacity he was a faithful and earnest worker until a few years before his demise, when failing health forced him to retire from active work before the summons came. The brother's work is done and he has gone to his reward and while he rests from his labors, his works follow him. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. OLLIS,
E. M. JOHNSON,
Committee.

Motion to adopt report on Woman's Work was carried.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We, your Committee on Woman's Work, beg to submit the following report:

The organization of the Woman's Missionary Societies in our Association has done much in unifying and developing our women in Mission work in this Association. The contributions during the past year through these societies have been very gratifying and we commend in the most earnest way to our churches the consecration, zeal and liberality of our women in their noble work.

Respectfully submitted,
D. W. GREENE,
C. G. BRYANT,
Committee.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That this Association ask each Pastor to see that their churches have a Woman's Missionary society established at all their churches and make report at our next Association.

Preaching at 3 p. m. by Rev. J. W. Putnam.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9 a. m. to-morrow.

Dismissed by Rev. E. M. Johnson.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

September 12th, 1907.

The Association met according to adjournment. Opened by singing and devotional services. Body called to order by the Moderator.

Report on State Missions was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

"Missions" is a general term and means the churches' obedience to the Divine commission, Go ye, and disciple all nations. To us, State Missions means the establishment and development of churches in all communities in North Carolina, city, town and country.

The board is making appropriations to Mission churches in forty-eight county seats in the State. We have 153 missionaries at work in forty-two associations. They organized twenty-five churches, baptized 2,114 converts, supplied 350 churches. The nearest mission territory to us is in McDowell county. We have also in the bounds of our own territory some points of interest that should be looked after, lest we should neglect our opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,
E. M. JOHNSON,
W. H. OLLIS,
Committee.

The report was spoken to by S. M. Greene, E. M. Johnson, A. P. Sorrells and L. H. Greene.

Motion carried to couple the following resolution with the report on State Missions:

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, there is a great destitution among the churches in the Mitchell County Association, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Association appoint a committee consisting of five, to co-operate with the State Board to collect funds and appoint a missionary to supply the destitute places, the committee to consist of the following brethren, viz.—S. J. Black, D. J. English, Wm. Greene, W. F. Dodson and C. E. Greene.

Motion carried to limit speeches to 10 minutes.

The report on Orphanage was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

God has wisely provided and ordained families for the rearing and training of children. Every man and every woman is limited to one living companion by the divine law. Sometimes the father or mother, or both are taken by death from the children. It is right and God has taught us to care for the fatherless. At Thomasville we have an Orphanage for these helpless ones. They are well clothed, fed and trained. But the institution is not extravagant.

We try to make the institution home-like. The children are taught how to cook, milk, wash, house-keep, plow, hoe, chop, make hay, use mechanical tools, work iron, etc., as talent and circumstances will admit.

"Charity and Children" is our orphanage paper.

All our Sunday schools should take it in clubs of ten or more. Ten copies a year for six dollars. A collection of 50 cents per month will make the amount. For further information about the Orphanage write to Rev. M. L. Kesler or Archibald Johnson, Thomasville, N. C.

A. P. SORRELLS,
ISAAC GRINDSTAFF,
Committee.

The report was spoken to by A. P. Sorrells.

The Moderator appointed D. J. English and W. A. Robinson to take collection for the Baptist Orphanage, which amounted to $8.57. This amount was turned over to D. J. English, Treasurer.

Report on Home Missions was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

"Save America and save the world" is both good philosophy and true Christianity. As goes America, so goes the world. We are doing more now through our Home board than ever before. We recommend that our churches do more and give more freely of their substance than ever before.

L. H. GREENE,
J. W. PUTNAM,
Committee.

The report was spoken to by L. H. Green.

The report on Ministerial Relief was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

The Ministerial Relief Board is located at Durham. One-third of all contributions sent is invested as a permanent fund, the interest only of which can be used. The other two-thirds goes to supply the needs of indigent ministers. Last year there were twenty-six beneficiaries, to each of whom was given over fifty dollars. We have as an invested fund $6,000, which bears interest $360. The churches contributed last year $2,120.85, making, with the interest, $2,480.83. This is a pitiably small amount for the hundred and eighty thousand white Baptists of the State to give for the support of those who have worn themselves out preaching the Gospel. Many of these brethren labored on hard fields and received but little compensation for their services. They were not able to lay by anything for old age. Will we not gladly contribute to their support, now that they can no longer work?

JOHN WASHBURN,
REUBEN PITMAN,
Committee.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT.

Resolved, That this Association hereby tenders its sincere thanks to our beloved Moderator, who for so many years has filled his position with such fairness and impartiality to all. We feel that in his declining years that this body will cheerfully join in saying that the Mitchell County Baptist Association will always hold Bro. S. M. Greene as one of the choicest Moderators in the old North State.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the church and the community in general for their kind hospitality during this session.

Respectfully,

L. H. GREENE,
Committee.

Motion carried that we now stand adjourned to meet with the Silver Chapel Church on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in Sept., 1908.

Bro. T. L. Blalock delivered a lecture on his work in China, which was very interesting.

Rev. S. M. Greene, Moderator,
Clarissa, N. C.

W. F. Dodson, Clerk,

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 10TH, 1907.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Sunday of Worship.	Increase.			Decrease.			Total Membership.	Minute Fund.	Education.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	Home Missions.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Expenses.	Other Objects.
				Baptisms.	By Letter.	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.										
Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene	J. Z. Singleton	3	1	5	.....	2	1	3	171	$ 2 70	$.....	$10 74	$ 5 10	$	$	$76 00	$	$ .....
Little Rock Creek	S. D. Tipton	J. A. Buchanan	1	27	1	2	.....	1	2	265	1 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	106 45	.....	.....
Lilly Branch	L. H. Greene	D. W. Greene	.....	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....	119	1 20	.....	2 01	5 00	.....	.....	60 00	.....	.....
Bear Creek	S. M. Greene	Milton Buchanan	4	10	2	2	6	6	2	294	3 20	.....	87 43	.....	10 20	81 00	74 00	.....	.....
Big Rock Creek	J. W. Putnam	B. A. Bryant	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mine Creek	J. C. Thomas	S. G. Parson	1	3	.....	.....	3	5	2	132	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	40 00	.....	.....
Fork Mountain	L. H. Greene	D. M. Cook	1	8	.....	2	4	.....	.....	136	1 00	.....	2 15	.....	.....	2 05	40 00	.....	.....
Yellow Mountain	L. H. Greene	L. B. Braswell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	130	1 90	.....	3 00	5 00	.....	1 00	100 00	.....	.....
Mount Pleasant	Edmund Johnson	J. W. Carpenter	1	10	.....	1	20	.....	2	113	1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....
Bakersville	L. H. Greene	M. C. Pannell	4	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	1	91	2 00	.....	2 00	5 00	.....	2 50	72 00	.....	.....
Silver Chapel	J. C. Thomas	D. A. Gouge	2	1	.....	1	1	2	.....	123	1 30	.....	1 75	.....	18 00	.....	40 00	.....	.....
Liberty Hill	S. D. Tipton	S. M. Sparks	2	.....	1	.....	2	1	.....	70	80	.....	.....	3 00	.....	4 37	23 00	.....	.....
Spring Creek	J. W. Putnam	L. W. Garland	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	.....	.....
Grassy Creek	S. D. Tipton	Mills Hollifield	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	130	1 10	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....
Green Valley	J. C. Blalock	J. H. Sheffield	3	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	4 15	.....	3 00	.....	30 00	.....	6 59
Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pitman	V. B. Hicks	.....	7	9	.....	1	7	1	99	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 70	.....	.....
Flat Rock	J. W. Duncan	J. M. Turbyfield	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	2	62	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....
McKinney Cove	C. H. McKinney	R. E. Ellis	4	4	1	.....	.....	.....	1	64	65	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	15 00	18 00	.....
Oak Grove	Anderson Sparks	T. Jones	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	51	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 00	.....	.....
Cane Creek	S. M. Greene	C. H. Wise	2	13	.....	2	12	6	1	222	1 20	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	94 50	35 00	.....
Beaver Creek	Yates Sparks	J. M. Grindstaff	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	14 00	.....	.....
Red Hill	Isaac Grindstaff	G. D. Turbyfield	2	.....	.....	1	1	.....	1	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....
White Oak	J. C. Thomas	Robert Wilson	3	.....	7	1	2	.....	1	82	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....
Gouge Chapel	J. W. Putnam	George Cook	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	75	.....	.....	90	90	.....	20 00	.....	.....
Crossmore	Edmund Johnson	C. M. Vance	2	8	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	1 02	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....
Chestnut Grove	J. R. Waycaster	D. D. Collis	.....	2	1	2	.....	.....	.....	34	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cub Creek	Isaac Grindstaff	V. D. Parker	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....
Roaring Creek	S. M. Pittman	W. M. Gardner	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....
Linville	P. J. Shell	J. L. Hartley	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	.....	.....
Total			.....	95	35	14	63	35	24	.....	30 70	.....	113 23	$39 00	$35 10	$96 42	113015	53 00	$ 6 59

Year.	WITH WHAT CHURCH.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	PREACHER OF ANNUAL SERMON.	MONTH OF MEETING.
1884	Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putnam	L. H. Greene	September 14
1885	Little Rock Creek	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putnam	T. H. McCoury	September 15
1886	Toe River	L. H Greene	S. M. Collis	S M. Collis	September 7
1887	Elk Park	S. M. Collis	Wm. G. Buchanan	S. M. Greene	August 18
1888	Mine Creek	J. W. Duncan	S. M. Greene	E Buchanan	August 16
1889	Grassy Creek	J. W. Duncan	S. M. Greene	J. C. Sparks	August 13
1890	Aaron	S. M. Greene	Wm. G Buchanan	W. H. Ollis	September 25
1891	Fork Mountain	J. C. Sparks	D. W. Greene	L. H. Greene	September 24
1892	Big Rock Creek	Wm. G. Buchanan	J. W. Putnam	W A. Roberson	September 22
1893	Big Meadows	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putnam	J. W. Putnam	August 31
1894	Roan Mountain	L H. Greene	S M. Greene	L. H. Greene	August 30
1895	Lilly Branch	L. H. Greene	D. W. Greene	J. W. Putnam	August 27
1896	Mount Pleasant	S. M. Greene	D. W Greene	G. P. Bostic	September 3
1897	Little Rock Creek	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	S. M. Greene	September 16
1898	Bear Creek	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	P. J. Shell	September 15
1899	Yellow Mountain	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	T. M. Honeycutt	September 14
1900	Bakersville	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	A. E. Brown	September 13
1901	Liberty Hill	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	J. B. Nagle	September 12
1902	Cane Creek	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	J. W. Duncan	September 16
1903	Aaron	S, M. Greene	W. F. Dodson	L. H. Greene	September 15
1904	Roan Mountain	S M. Greene	W. F. Dodson	T M. Reid	September 13
1905	Roaring Creek	S. M. Greene	W. F. Dodson	A. E. Brown	September 12
1906	Bear Creek	S. M. Greene	W. F. Dodson	J. W. Duncan	September 11
1907	Grassy Creek	S. M. Greene	W. F. Dodson	L. H Greene	September 10

EXTRA SESSION.

September 25th, 1907.

The Mitchell County Baptist Association re-convened according to a call of the Moderator at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

The Moderator called the session to order and stated the call for the extra session, after which the following business was transacted:

Motion carried that we invite all brethren from churches that they act and take part in this session.

Roll of churches called and nine responded as follows: Roan Mountain, Bear Creek, Little Rock Creek, Mine Creek, Lilly Branch, Bakersville, Green Valley, McKinney Cove, Cane Creek.

There were sixteen reported absent.

The Moderator appointed the following a committee on resolutions: M. L. Wilson, L. H. Greene, W. H. Ollis, D. W. Greene and S. J. Turner.

Motion carried that we adjourn till 1:30 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Met at 1:30 p. m. and was called to order by the Moderator.

The committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, at the recent session of the Mitchell County Association in the morning of the second day thereof, the Trustees of Bowman Academy were by the Moderator, together with the entire body, instructed to execute at once a deed conveying the said Academy to the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in compliance with the vote of the said Association at its session of 1905. In the evening of the said second day of said late session a motion was made by one who voted in the negative in the forenoon to reconsider the said forenoon vote, said vote prevailing, therefore be it

Resolved, by this Association, that the action of the said Association taken in the evening was illegal, unparliamentary, out of order and should not have been entertained. That this Association, now in extra session, hereby reaffirms the action of 1905, and again instructs the Trustees of said Academy to execute said deed.

M. L. WILSON, Chmn.,
L. H. GREENE,
D. W. GREENE,
W. H. OLLIS,
S. J. TURNER,
Committee.

Motion carried that the above resolution be adopted.

Spoken to by L. H. Greene, S. M. Greene, W. H. Ollis, M. L. Wilson and S. J. Turner.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the date of holding the Association for the year 1908 be changed from Tuesday to Thursday before the third Sunday in September including the third Sunday.

Motion carried that J. S. Poteat turn over to D. J. English $4.13, the balance now in his hands.

Motion that the Clerk turn over to the Trustees of Bowman Academy $16.00, the collection taken at Roaring Creek in the year 1905. Carried.

The Trustees of Bowman Academy organized by electing Rev. W. H. Ollis, President, and D. W. Greene, Clerk.

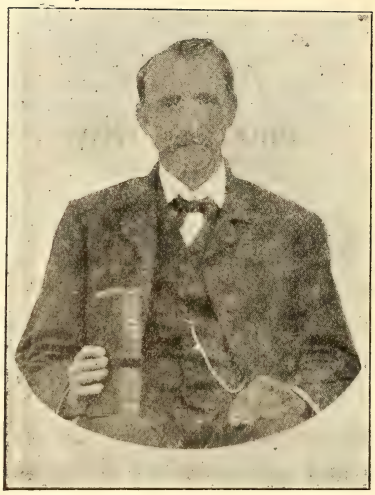
S. M. Greene, Moderator.

W. F. Dodson, Clerk.

PROGRAM 1909.

1st—Introductory Sermon.
2nd—Organization.
3rd—Reception of Church Letters.
4th—Reception of new churches.
5th—Reading of Church Letters.
6th—Election of Moderator and Clerk.
7th—Call visiting and corresponding delegates.
8th—Appointment of Committees.
9th—Roll call of churches.
10th—Reception of reports.
11th—Reception of Resolutions.

S. M. Green, Moderator,
W. F. Dodson, Clerk.



REV. S. M. GREENE,

Moderator of Mitchell County Baptist Association.

This is the eighteenth term as Moderator. Attended forty sessions, not missing one during the forty years.

Our Moderator is not surpassed in North Carolina, and doubt if his equal has ever presided over an Association with more dignity and zealous interest than has our dearly beloved brother. All who know him love him. May God bless his remaining days to the advancement of His cause.

We doubt if any association in the State can boast of as good a Moderator as Mitchell. We all love him and his demeanor as a presiding officer is not surpassed by any one. May God bestow on him during the evening of his life His richest blessing.

W. F. DODSON, Clerk,
Bakersville, N. C.

MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Fifth Annual Session

OF THE

Mitchell County Baptist Association

AND THE

Fifty-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

Roan Mountain and Mitchell County Association
COMBINED.

HELD WITH

Silver Chapel Church, September 17, 18 and 19, 1908.

The next Session of this body will be held with Bakersville Church, P. O. Bakersville, N. C., beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1909.

W. R. BRADSHAW to preach the Introductory Sermon.
W. H. OLLIS, Alternate.

Nash Bros., Printers and Binders
1908.

OFFICERS.

Rev. S. M. Greene, Moderator.....Clarissa, N. C.
W. F. Dodson, Clerk.....Bakersville, N. C.
D. J. English, Treasurer.....Bakersville, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

L. H. Greene.....Bakersville, N. C.
C. H. McKinney..Bakersville, N. C.
Isaac Grindstaff..Bakersville, N. C.
R. M. Young.....Bakersville, N. C.
J. W. Duncan.....Ledger, N. C.
J. C. Blalock.....Ledger, N. C.
D. A. Gouge.....Bandana, N C.
J. C. Thomas.....Bandana, N. C.
S. A. Hughes.....Valley, N. C.
S. M. Pittman.....Frank, N. C.
E. A. Stamey.....Altamont, N. C.
R. Pittman.....Ledger, N. C.
Anderson Sparks.....Ledger, N. C.
Troy Jones.....Montezuma, N. C.
James B. Reid.....Hughes, N. C.
E. M. Johnson.....Plumtree, N. C.
W. H. Ollis.....Ingalls, N. C.
J. R. Waycaster.....Estatoe, N. C.
B. M. Hoyle.....Estatoe, N. C.
J. R. Boone.....Estatoe, N. C.
S. M. Green.....Clarissa, N. C.
W. S. Buchanan.....Clarissa, N. C.
H. B. Buchanan.....Glen Ayre, N. C.
J. W. Putnam...Magnetic City, N. C.
R. S. Hayes.....Saginaw, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

William Gardner..... Senia, N. C. L. Burleson..... Bandana, N. C.
J. W. Carpenter..... Hughes, N. C.

CHURCH CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.

J. Z. Singleton.....Clarissa, N. C
J. A. Buchanan.....Little Rock Creek, N. C.
D. W. Green.....Wing, N. C.
Milton Buchanan.....Ledger, N. C.
Thos. Green.....Ewart, N. C.
W. M. Thomas.....Toe Cane, N. C.
D. M. Cook.....Little Rock Creek, N. C.
J. W. Carpenter.....Pyatte, N. C.
M. C. Powell.....Bakersville, N. C.
W. A. Robinson.....Bandana, N. C.
Mills Hallifield.....Mica, N. C.
S. M. Sparks.....Estatoe, N. C.
J. A. Weatherman.....Ingalls, N. C.
W. E. Ollis.....Valley, N. C.
Chas. G. Ellis.....Bakersville, N. C.
C. H. Wise.....Hawks, N. C.
J. M. Grindstaff.....Spruce Pine, N. C.
G. D. Turbyfill.....Red Hill, N. C.
Robert Wilson.....Bakersville, N. C.
Charles Vance.....Cross-Nore, N. C.
D. C. Hart.....Toecane, N. C.
W. M. Gardner.....Senia, N. C.
L. W. Berry.....Spruce Pine, N. C.
Chas. McKinney.....Spear, N. C.
J. L. Fletcher.....Cranberry, N. C.
John Bowman.....Linville Falls, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

BANDANNA, N. C., Sept. 17, 1908.

The Mitchell County Baptist Association met this day with the Silver Chapel Baptist Church at 10:30 a. m.

Rev. S. M. Green, Moderator of the last seventeen Associations called the body to order after prayer by Rev. J. C. Thomas and L. H. Green. Rev. S. M. Greene, proceeded to preach the Introductory sermon from first Samuel 21st chapter and latter clause of the 8th verse.

Motion carried that we adjourn until 2 p. m.

Bro. W. A. Robinson read the assignment of the delegates.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Opened by singing and prayer by W. A. Robinson.

The reception of letters was called for and the Moderator appointed C. E. Green and J. M. Peterson to collect same. After reading of 18 letters the motion carried to receive newly constituted Churches, Cranberry Baptist Church and Linville Falls Baptist Church.

The motion was carried that we receive the new churches and delegates.

Motion carried that Bro. Bradshaw cast the ballot of the Association for Bro. S. M. Green for Moderator.

Motion carried that Bro. L. H. Green cast the ballot of this body for W. F. Dodson as Clerk.

Call for visiting and corresponding delegates and the following Brethren responded: Rev. W. A. Robinson, Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, of Hickory, N. C., State Evangelist.

Motion carried that Bro. David Patton, of Johnston City, be invited to a seat with us.

Bro. Stokes Collis, of Green River Association; Rev. S. W. King, of Yancey County Association, were invited to seats with us.

Committee on Orphanage—J. C. Blalock, W. H. Ollis.
Committee on Nomination—C. E. Greene, Jno. Washburn.
Committee on Finance—J. S. Poteat, D. J. English.
Committee on Foreign Missions—L. H. Greene, W. R. Bradshaw.
Committee on Home Missions—J. C. Thomas, Isaac Grindstaff.
Committee on Ministers' Relief—D. W. Greene, J. J. Murdock.
Committee on Education—D. W. Greene, John Washburn, J. M. Peterson.

Committee on State Missions—L. H. Greene, W. S. Buchanan, W. R. Bradshaw.
Committee on Temperance—W. A. Robinson, S. W. King, W. H. Ollis.
Committee on Periodicals—W. M. Gardner, W. R. Bradshaw.
Committee on Obituaries—J. M. Peterson, Jas. Wetherman.
Committee on Woman's Work—W. A. Robinson, J. C. Thomas.
Committee on Preaching—D. J. English, S. P. Green and the Delegates of Silver Chapel.

Motion carried to appoint a Committee on Queries: David Silvers, W. R. Bradshaw and W. A. Robinson.

Committee on Preaching reports that Rev. W. A. Robinson will preach on Sept. 18, at 11 a. m.

Adjourned to meet on to-morrow, Friday, at 8:30 a. m.

Benediction by Bro. S. W. King.

Second Day—Morning Session.

September 18, 1908.

The Association met 9 a. m., with Moderator in the chair.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. S. M. Green.

The body was called to order by the Moderator and the first day's proceedings read and approved.

Invitation to visiting brethren was extended. E. D. Silvers, of Yancey county, responded.

Motion carried, we give State Missions the right of way until 11 a. m.

Report read and adopted.

Spoke to by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw.

Roll of delegates called and absentees marked.

Motion carried, that the Spruce Pine Church with delegates be admitted to the Association.

The Committee on Queries was withdrawn.

Roll call of churches:

Roan Mountain—Rev. S. M. Green, Newton Young, J. C. Wilson, A. Greene, D. J. English.
Little Rock Creek—W. M. Ellis, D. P. Thomas, M. L. Buchanan, Rev. H. B. Buchanan.
Lily Branch—Sam Sparks, D. W. Greene, J. J. Murdock, D. T. Fortner, David Hoyle.
Bear Creek—J. A. Buchanan, W. S. Duncan, J. Sam. Buchanan, Milton Buchanan.
Mine Creek—Rev. Isaac Grindstaff, Isaac McKinney, Dock Huffman, Robt. Johnson, W. M. Thomas.
Fork Mountain—D. M. Cook, Jno. T. Hopson, David McKinney.
Mount Pleasant—John Hall.

Bakersville—Rev. L. H. Greene, C. E. Greene, J. S. Poteat, J. M. Peterson, W. F. Dodson.
Silver Chapel—D. R. Silvers, R. M. McNeil, W. A. Robinson, David Hinson.
Liberty Hill—S. W. Cox, Joe Sparks, Lowry Howell, Shurbert McKinney.
Green Valley—Rev. W. H. Ollis, J. T. Ollis, J. A. Weatherman.
Pleasant Hill—Henry Hoilman, L. Ollis, Ed. W. Buchanan, Arcus Ollis.
McKinney Cove—Sam McKinney, Johnson McKinney.
Cane Creek—W. W. Buchanan, J. J. Buchanan, S. P. Green, S. G. Green, D. P. Dellinger.
Beaver Creek—W. M. Grindstaff, Mack Thomas.
Red Hill—W. G. Turbyfill.
White Oak—Robert Wilson, Jas. Wilson, Milton Wilson.
Cross-Nore—Chas. Vance, D. J. Clark.
Cub Creek—R. M. Young, Sherman Hoilman, Wiley Gouge.
Roaring Creek—W. M. Gardner.
Linville Falls—Isaac Grindstaff.
Cranberry—V. W. Greene.
Spruce Pine—L. A. Berry.
Henson's Creek— ——— Broxie.
Big Rock Creek—Landon Buchanan, T. N. Gouge, Thos. Greene.
Grassy Creek—Jno. M. Washburn, W. M. Washburn, Wastel McKinney.

Motion adopted to receive the State Mission report.

Was read by W. R. Bradshaw and one of the best speeches ever delivered in Mitchell county was given us by this gifted speaker.

STATE MISSIONS.

One of the primary objects of the convention is to support the gospel in all the destitute sections of the State.

"It is estimated that at least half of our churches in the State owe their existence so far as human agency goes, to the efforts of our Board, and two-thirds of the money that flows into the treasury for carrying on the Lord's work at home and abroad comes from those churches which have been thus aided and established."

Therefore, State missions is foundation work—it is strengthening our stakes and lengthening our cord for all the objects of the Convention. Although we have been doing State Mission work for seventy-eight years, there is as great a demand on the Board to-day as ever. There are twenty-one counties in the East with only one Baptist church to every eighty square miles.

In Piedmont North Carolina towns are built up rapidly. Here is the most of our manufacturing at present. "When a mass of humanity is coming together and forming a new community, there is presented an opportunity that will never come again, for Christian work."

When a town is being built one of the first houses to be erected should be the mission church and the first voice should be the missionary of the cross.

The West.

Here the country is filled with Baptists. The task before us in the West is to organize ourselves more perfectly until every man, woman and child shall take some definite part in the evangelization of North Carolina.

Great battles are fought and won, not by mobs, but by organized forces, trained and disciplined.

W. S. BUCHANAN.

Pledges were taken for State Missions:

Roan Mountain	$ 10.00	Pleasant Hill	5.00
Little Rock Creek	5.00	McKinney's Cove	2.00
Lilly Branch	5.00	Beaver Creek	2.50
Bear Creek	5.00	White Oak	3.00
Mine Creek	5.00	Cross-Nore	5.00
Fork Mountain	5.00	Roaring Creek	2.00
Yellow Mountain	5.00	Cub Creek	2.00
Mount Pleasant	2.00	Cranberry	5.00
Bakersville	10.00	Spruce Pine	5.00
Silver Chapel	5.00	Linville Falls	2.00
Liberty Hill	3.00	Cane Creek	12.00
Grassy Creek	5.00		
Green Valley	5.00	Total	$115.50

Pledges to be paid during our next Association year.

Report on Home Missions read.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

"Save America and save the world" is both good philosophy and true Christianity. As goes America, so goes the world. We are doing more now through our Home Board than ever before. We recommend that our churches do more and give more freely of their substance than ever before.

J. C. THOMAS,
ISAAC GRINDSTAFF,
Committee.

Afternoon Session.

September 18, 1908.

The Association met according to adjournment, 1:30 p. m.

Motion carried that we invite Rev. J. F. Shelton and wife, Methodists, of Bakersville, to a seat with us.

Reading of Big Rock Church letter.

The Committee reports that the next Association be held with the Bakersville church, commencing on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1909, and W. R. Bradshaw preach the Introductory sermon, W. H. Ollis his alternate.

Motion carried that the report on Foreign Missions be received.

Cranberry church sends $3.75 for different objects.

Beaver Creek for Home Missions, $2.50.

Foreign Missions spoken to by Rev. L. H. Green and W. R. Bradshaw.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee submit the following on Foreign Missions:

The basis of all Foreign Mission work is found in John 3:16. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life. Christ was the missionary from heaven to a lost world; after he arose from the grave he told his disciples that as the Father had sent him so he sent them, the field is the world, the command is, go ye into all the world and preach the

gospel to every creature. Let this mind be in you that was in Christ, who said it was his meat to do the will of him that sent him and to finish his work.

During the year twenty-four new missionaries were sent out. We have now in the field a force of 222 missionaries, 334 native assistants; that is 556 workers; there were 2,174 converts who were added by Baptism during last year. But let us remember that there are yet over eight hundred millions who know not of Christ, but linger in heathen darkness.

L. H. GREENE,
W. R. BRADSHAW,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Pledges for Foreign Missions:

Roan Mountain	$ 5.00	Green Valley	2.00
Little Rock Creek	5.00	Pleasant Hill	2.00
Lilly Branch	2.50	Cane Creek	5.00
Mine Creek	2.00	White Oak	2.00
Fork Mountain	2.00	Cub Creek	2.00
Yellow Mountain	2.50	Roaring Creek	1.00
Mount Pleasant	3.00	Cranberry	3.00
Bakersville	5.00	Bear Creek	10.00
Silver Chapel	2.50	Spruce Pine	5.00
Grassy Creek	2.50		
		Total	$64.00

Report on Temperance read by Rev. S. W. King and adopted:

It is to be no longer doubted that the cause of temperance is advancing. For on the 26th day of May, 1908, North Carolina feared not to express herself by a vote of 45,000 against intemperance. But yet the ground we gained must be held. And as a sure and safeguard, let us, by the grace of God, place the banner of Christ Jesus in all places where, once stood, or where now stands, the banner of intemperance. Let us not stop with temperate, but press on to annihilation, that the day may come when we will be freed indeed from the monster of death, pain, sorrow and trouble—of intemperance.

Respectfully,
S. W. KING,
W. A. ROBINSON,
Committee.

Spoken to by Rev. S. W. King, Rev. J. F. Shelton and J. C. Blalock.

Report of Committee on co-operation State Missions. Reports nothing done with the State Board. Tabled the report.

Committee reports that W. R. Bradshaw will preach on the 19th, 1908, at 11 a. m.

Motion carried that Brothers Giles Wilson and M. Robinson, of Yancey county, be invited to seats in our body.

Motion carried, we adjourn until Sept. 19th, at 9 a. m.

Third Day Session.

September 19, 1908.

The Association met according to adjournment at 9 a. m.

Opened by singing and prayer by Rev. L. H. Green.

The devotional services was conducted by Rev. L. H. Green.

The body was called to order with Moderator in the chair.

After reading of the proceedings of yesterday's meeting, the same standing approved, business was taken up.

Motion carried that the report on Orphanage be received. Was read by Rev. W. H. Ollis and adopted.

ON ORPHANAGE.

The Baptists have been providing a home for orphan children for about twenty-four years. The growth of the Orphanage during these years has been wonderful. The Orphanage has not only been a blessing to the children, but has been a great blessing to us.

The Orphanage tries as far as possible to supply the place of father and mother—in short, to make a real home for the children. The needs of the Orphanage is greater than ever before.

1st. We have more orphans, about 400.

2nd. The expenses of living is greater.

Your committee recommends that:

1st. Regular monthly collections be taken in all of our Sunday Schools, and that all of our Sunday Schools subscribe to Charity and Children.

J. C. BLALOCK,
W. H. OLLIS,
Committee.

Spoken to by Rev. J. C. Blalock and W. R. Bradshaw.

Pleasant Hill church sends $3.22 for Orphanage. Collection for Orphanage amounts to $8.20. Was turned over to our Treasurer. Total collection $11.42.

Motion carried that the Educational report and Trustees of Bowman Academy be coupled together.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF BOWMAN ACADEMY.

We, the Trustees of the Bowman Academy, beg to submit the following report: The last session of the school at the Bowman Academy under the management of Prof. S. J. Turner and Sister Stafford, was very satisfactory to the people generally. We have made some little repairs on the property and also took out a policy of insurance on it for three years, and also made a small payment on the indebtedness against the property.

There is yet due on the debt about $136.00. This debt has been apportioned among the several churches and an appeal made to the churches to send in the funds by their delegates to this Association.

Respectfully,
W. H. OLLIS, Chairman,
D. W. GREENE, Secretary.

W. W. Robinson, of Buncombe County Association donates 50 cents to pay on Bowman Academy.

Adjourned for services at 11 a. m.

Bro. Bradshaw preached so all concur in saying the greatest sermon ever delivered in the old Mitchell County Association.

Dismissed until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

September 19, 1908.

Met according to adjournment. Opened by singing and prayer.

Motion carried, we invite Bro. J. T. Beaver, of Yancey County Association, to a seat with us.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, beg to submit the following report: That owing to the rapid increase of population and the growing demand for a liberal education in all the departments of business and science, that we, as a church and as a people, should view with reverence and gratitude the many opportunities undreamed of by our ancestors; and, whereas, the State of North Carolina is to-day making more rapid strides in the culmination of plans to educate the youth of the State and the various denominations are likewise doing a great work on the way of education, and while our own (Baptist) church is keeping pace with all others, yet we feel impelled to say that the energies and efforts have not been strained to a dangerous tension. A poet has said:

"'Tis education that shapes the common mind,
Just as the twig is bent the tree is inclined."

The Baptist church has some excellent colleges in the State. Among those we would specially recommend is Mars Hill College, Wake Forest College and the Baptist University at Raleigh.

But there is absolutely no reason why we as a great church, so often blessed by a kind Providence, should ever be content till we shall have established preparatory schools in reach of every child in the country, be whatever may the environment, and in this way, we feel sure that much and lasting good could be accomplished. Educate a child and you open the avenue to the soul.

D. W. GREENE, Chairman,
J. M. PETERSON.

Education spoken to by J. M. Peterson, Rev. J. F. Shelton, Rev. J. T. Beaver, J. C. Blalock, L. H. Green, W. R. Bradshaw.

A prayer was called for to ask God for more preachers and young men to prepare for the ministry.

The report on Nominations reports that following named Brethren be elected.

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to report the following named brethren, to-wit: W. H. Ollis, D. W. Greene, W. M. Greene, D. T. Young, S. J. Black, M. L. Wilson and Chas. E. Greene, as Trustees for the Bowman Academy for ensuing year. We, your Committee on Nominations, beg that this Association elect D. T. English as treasurer.

CHAS. E. GREENE,
JOHN WASHBURN,
Committee.

Report on Periodicals read by W. R. Bradshaw and adopted:

PERIODICALS.

Reading good literature is "essential to the highest efficiency of our people, for there can be no efficiency without interest, nor interest without intelligence, nor intelligence without information—particularly the information about our work which is available week after week in the Biblical Recorder." It aims true to its name to be thoroughly Biblical. Since the Bible is the greatest book in the world, the exposition of it is a matter of importance and passing events should be viewed in its light. The Biblical Recorder, some months ago bought out the North Carolina Baptist, making it the only organ of our Baptist State Convention. This body named as its editor our own Hight C. Moore, known and loved by all the State, but especially by Western North Carolina people.

We also recommend Charity and Children, of Thomasville, the Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field and the literature of our Sunday School Boards.

Respectfully submitted.

W. N. GARDNER,
W. R. BRADSHAW,
Committee.

The following churches have paid their assessment to finish paying the indebtedness on the Bowman Academy:

ASSESSMENT FOR BOWMAN ACADEMY.

Roan Mountain	$10.35	Green Valley	3.50
Lilly Branch	5.95	Pleasant Hill	3.75
Mine Creek	7.20	McKinny Cove	3.10
Fork Mountain	6.50	Cane Creek	11.20
Yellow Mountain	6.50	White Oak	3.80
Bakersville	5.35	Roaring Creek	2.50
Grassy Creek	6.50		
		Total	$76.20

Balance due from other churches $59.80 to settle balance of indebtedness.

Resolution read and adopted:

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That this body now in session do hereby reaffirm the action of our Association of the year 1905, held with the Roaring Creek Baptist church, to execute the deed to the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at once.

Report of Committee on Finance read and adopted. Amount for minutes $24.99. Collections $1.50. Total $26.49. Received from Sunday School Convention $4.92.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report that we received funds from the several churches amounting to $26.49.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. POTEAT,
D. J. ENGLISH,
Committee.

Report on Woman's Work read and adopted:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We are glad to report the Woman's Missionary Society is doing a grand work in our county for the Mission cause, but still there is much to be done and we hope to see a good working society in every church in Mitchell, we find three societies with about 75, paid for Home and Foreign Missions $50.00.

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. ROBINSON,
J. C. THOMAS,
Committee.

Motion carried that the Clerk have 500 minutes printed and that he have $10.00 for his services.

Treasurer's report read and adopted:

J. D. English, Treasurer of the Mitchell County Baptist Association, makes the following report:

Received	$72.05
Paid out as follows:	
Insurance	$26.40
Paid on the indebtedness of House	45.65
Total expended	$72.05

Yours in Christ,
D. J. ENGLISH, Treas.

Motion carried that the report on Home Missions be adopted:

Committee reports that W. A. Robinson preach at 11 a. m. on Sunday.

Chairman Trustees reports that the Trustees will meet at once at Bakersville to transact needed business.

Motion carried that the collection be taken on Sunday for Home Missions.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Resolved, That this Association hereby tenders its sincere thanks to our beloved Moderator, who for so many years has filled his position with such fairness and impartiality to all. We feel that in his declining years that this body will cheerfully join in saying that the Mitchell County Baptist Association will always hold Bro. S. M. Greene as one of the choicest Moderators in the old North State.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the church and the community in general for their kind hospitality during this session.

Respectfully,
L. H. GREENE.

REV. S. M. GREEN, *Moderator,*
Clarissa, N. C.

W. F. DODSON, *Clerk,* Bakersville, N. C.

CHURCH STATISTICS, 1908.

CHURCHES	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Sunday of Worship.	Increase.			Decrease.			Total Membership.	Minute Fund.	Education.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	Home Missions.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Expenses.	Other Objects.	W. M. Society.	Incidentals.
				Baptisms.	By Letter.	Restored.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.												
an Mountain...	S. M. Greene....	J. Z. Singleton.....	3	....	1	....	3	8	2	169	2.00	10.35	.....	....	8.00	....	50.00	.....	10.00	14.00	37.80
tle Rock Creek.	S. M. Greene....	J. A. Buchanan.....	1	....	....	....	12	8	1	244	1.35	.....	.....	....	....	50	39.72	.....	27.85	.....	.....
ly Branch.....	L. H. Greene....	D. W. Greene.....	3	27	9	2	2	....	1	134	75	5.95	1.73	69	....	1.80	60.00	80.00	11.00	.....	.....
ar Creek.....	J. C. Thomas....	Milton Buchanan...	4	6	4	1	12	7	....	287	2.00	.....	25.40	....	3.00	8.00	62.00	57.70	72.19	.....	19.47
g Rock Creek...	Anderson Sparks	Thos. Greene, Jr....	2	....	....	....	5	....	3	57	65	.....	.....	....	....	....	28.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
ne Creek.....	L. H. Greene....	W. M. Thomas.....	4	28	....	15	....	....	2	146	1.00	.....	1.69	40	8.78	8.52	60.00	.....	12.00	.....	.....
rk Mountain....	L. H. Greene....	D. M. Cook.....	1	3	....	2	4	3	....	127	1.20	6.50	3.35	35	2.00	60	52.75	10.00	5.00	.....	.....
unt Pleasant...	E. A. Stamey...	J. W. Carpenter.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	75	50	.....	.....	....	....	....	25.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....
kersville.....	L. H. Greene....	M. C. Pannell.....	4	....	2	....	3	27	....	75	1.70	335.00	4.46	3.30	....	2.50	72.00	500.00	15.00	.....	.....
ver Chapel.....	J. R. Boone.....	W. A. Robinson....	2	7	....	....	12	....	....	100	1.05	.....	3.00	....	6.36	2.00	40.00	9.56	3.00	.....	.....
berty Hill.....	S. D. Tipton....	S. M. Sparks.....	2	33	7	10	....	....	1	117	50	.....	.....	....	....	....	28.00	.....	46.00	.....	13.24
assy Creek.....	S. M. Greene...	Mills Hollifield.....	1	31	4	....	5	....	....	138	1.50	.....	.....	....	....	....	68.00	200.00	5.00	.....	8.25
een Valley.....	J. C. Blalock....	J. A. Weatherman..	3	1	6	....	18	....	1	54	80	.....	10.00	....	....	....	36.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
easant Hill.....	E. M. Johnson..	W. E. Ollis.....	4	7	10	5	....	....	....	117	1.60	3.75	.....	....	3.22	....	44.90	10.10	92.75	.....	54.70
Kinney Cove...	C. H. McKinney	Chas. G. Ellis.....	4	1	....	....	1	2	....	64	40	.....	.....	....	3.00	....	14.00	.....	13.72	.....	10.00
ne Creek.....	S. M. Greene...	C. H. Wise.....	2	14	1	1	15	4	1	214	1.55	11.20	.....	....	....	....	50.00	8.00	34.56	.....	35.00
aver Creek.....	Reuben Pitman..	J. M. Grindstaff....	....	....	....	2	2	5	....	51	50	.....	.....	....	....	2.50	10.00	300.00	15.65	.....	.....
d Hill.....	C. H. McKinney	G. D. Turbyfill.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	17	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
hite Oak.....	S. D. Tipton....	Robert Wilson.....	2	1	2	1	1	....	....	87	85	.....	.....	....	....	....	26.12	.....	4.50	.....	.....
oss Nore.....	E. M. Johnson..	Charles Vance.....	2	3	6	....	....	....	....	40	75	.....	.....	....	....	....	25.00	10.00	.....	.....	.....
b Creek.....	Anderson Sparks	D. C. Hart.....	3	29	1	5	....	....	....	109	45	.....	.....	....	....	....	36.62	1.50	6.50	.....	29.75
aring Creek.....	S. A. Hughes....	W. M. Gardner.....	3	....	....	....	....	....	3	51	50	2.50	.....	....	....	4.00	18.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....
ruce Pine.....	S. M. Greene....	L. A. Berry.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	21	1.00	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	600.06
nson's Creek...	E. M. Johnson..	Chas. McKinney....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	25	34	.....	.....	....	....	....	22.11	.....	.....	.....	20.70
anberry.....	D. A. Greene....	J. L. Fletcher.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	41	1.50	.....	1.00	50	1.75	50	60.00	.....	.....	.....	42.61
nville Falls.....	E. M. Johnson..	John Bowman.....	1	....	....	....	5	....	....	13	60	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

RECORD OF THE MITCHELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Year.	WITH WHAT CHURCH	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	PREACHER OF ANNUAL SERMON.	Month of Meeting.
1884	Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putnam	L. H. Greene	September 14
1885	Little Rock Creek	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putnam	T. H. McCoary	September 15
1886	Toe River	L. H. Greene	S. M. Collis	S. M. Collis	September 7
1887	Elk Park	S. M. Collis	Wm. G. Buchanan	S. M. Greene	August 18
1888	Mine Creek	J. W. Duncan	S. M. Greene	E. Buchanan	August 16
1889	Grassy Creek	J. W. Duncan	S. M. Greene	J. C. Sparks	August 13
1890	Aaron	S. M. Greene	Wm. G. Buchanan	W. H. Ollis	September 25
1891	Fork Mountain	J. C. Sparks	D. W. Greene	L. H. Greene	September 24
1892	Big Rock Creek	Wm. G. Buchanan	J. W. Putnam	W. A. Roberson	September 22
1893	Big Meadows	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putnam	J. W. Putnam	August 31
1894	Roan Mountain	L. H. Greene	S. M. Greene	L. H. Greene	August 30
1895	Lilly Branch	L. H. Greene	D. W. Greene	J. W. Putnam	August 27
1896	Mount Pleasant	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	G. P. Bostic	September 3
1897	Little Rock Creek	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	S. M. Greene	September 16
1898	Bear Creek	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	P. J. Shell	September 15
1899	Yellow Mountain	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	T. M. Honeycutt	September 14
1900	Bakersville	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	A. E. Brown	September 13
1901	Liberty Hill	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	J. B. Nagle	September 12
1902	Cane Creek	S. M. Greene	D. W. Greene	J. W. Duncan	September 16
1903	Aaron	S. M. Greene	W. F. Dodson	L. H. Greene	September 15
1904	Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene	W. F. Dodson	T. M. Reid	September 13
1905	Roaring Creek	S. M. Greene	W. F. Dodson	A. E. Brown	September 12
1906	Bear Creek	S. M. Greene	W. F. Dodson	J. W. Duncan	September 11
1907	Grassy Creek	S. M. Greene	W. F. Dodson	L. H. Greene	September 10
1908	Silver Chapel	S. M. Greene	W. F. Dodson	S. M. Greene	September 17

MINUTES OF THE

MITCHELL COUNTY BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION,

—HELD WITH THE—

McKINNEY COVE CHURCH,

August 21, 22 and 23, 1908.

The next session of this Convention will be held with Roaring Creek Church, beginning on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1909.

Rev. A. F. Sparks to preach the Introductory sermon.

Bakersville, N. C., August 21st, 1908.

The Mitchell County Baptist Sunday School Convention met to-day with the McKinney Cove Church. The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. L. H. Green. Text Romans 15:30. At the conclusion of the sermon the Convention proceeded to elect Rev. Anderson Sparks President and R. T. Lewis Secretary. The President appointed the following Committees:

On Program—R. M. Young, chairman; C. H. McKinney and W. E. Ollis.
Preaching—Wm. Wilson, George Buchanan and Samuel McKinney.
Time and Place—W. A. Robinson, D. J. English and Nute Young.
Resolutions—S. H. Greene and W. A. Robinson.
Finance—D. J. English and S. N. Young.

The President appointed R. T. Lewis and W. A. Robinson Reading Clerks, who read letters from fifteen Sunday schools.

On motion adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

Evening Session—1st Day.

Convention reassembled according to adjournment. Choir spent 15 minutes in excellent singing. Rev. J. F. Shelton led the Convention in prayer.

On motion of Rev. L. H. Green, Bro. J. F. Shelton, of the Methodist Church, South, was invited to a seat in the Convention.

The Committee on program submitted the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM.

We, your Committee on Program, submit the following:
1st. What is the best method to get the people to attend Sunday School?
2nd. What progress has the Sunday School made.
3rd. Does the Sunday School stand by the Orphanage as it should?
4th. Are the Sunday Schools standing by Missions as they should?
5th. Who should attend Sunday Schools?

Respectfully submitted,
R. M. YOUNG,
W. E. OLLIS,
C. H. McKINNEY,
Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

First question on program taken up and spoken to by Rev. J. F. Shelton, Rev. L. H. Greene, R. M. Young, C. A. Peterson and Anderson Sparks.

On motion adjourned till 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

Second Day.

Saturday, Aug. 22, 1908.

Convention met according to adjournment. Spent 20 minutes in song service. Rev. C. H. McKinney led the Convention in prayer. Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Second question on program taken up and discussed by Revs. C. H. McKinney, W. S. Buchanan, R. M. Young, L. H. Greene and Anderson Sparks.

The Committee on Preaching report that Rev. L. H. Greene will preach at 11 o'clock a. m. to-day.

On motion the third item on program taken up and made a special order for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Fourth question on program taken up and spoken to by Rev. L. H. Greene in an able speech in defence of Missions. At the conclusion of Brother Greene's speech the Convention took a recess till 1 o'clock p. m.

Evening Session—2nd Day.

Convention reassembled according to adjournment. Choir spent 10 minutes in good singing. W. S. Buchanan led the Convention in prayer. Roll of Sunday Schools called and absent delegates marked.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

McKinney Cove—Wm. Wilson, Mattie Wilson, Jannette Ellis and Emily Bowman.
Cane Creek—George Buchanan.
Pleasant Hill—W. E. Ollis, E. H. Cooper, M. O. Buchanan, Jr., and W. C. Hicks.
Little Rock Creek—Wm. Ellis and Margaret Ellis.
Henson Creek—Lewis Dilinger.
Roaring Creek—R. T. Lewis.
Bakersville—Rev. L. H. Greene, Lorena Pannell and George Buchanan.
Roan Mountain—S. N. Young and J. N. Wilson.
Cub Creek—Sherman Haileman, Sarah Wilson and Rev. R. M. Young.
Spruce Pine—J. W. Pitman.
Fork Mountain—Rosa Hobson and John Hobson.
Bear Creek—Rev. Anderson Sparks.
Silver Chapel—W. A. Robinson.
White Oak—Bessie Wilson.
Big Meadow—Ira Pyatte and Milton Pyatte.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report: We have received from the various Sunday Schools of Mitchell County $8.92.

Respectfully,
D. J. ENGLISH,
S. N. YOUNG,
Committee.

It was ordered that the Clerk report the proceedings of this Convention to the Mitchell County Baptist Association and that he have $4.00 for his services.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

We, your Committee on Time and Place, do recommend that the next session of this Convention convene with Roaring Creek church, beginning on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1909, and that Rev. Anderson Sparks preach the Introductory Sermon.

W. A. ROBINSON,
S. N. YOUNG,
D. J. ENGLISH,
Committee.

The Convention again took up the 4th item on program and was entertained by Rev. W. S. Buchanan, Rev. R. M. Young and the President in good mission speeches.

A collection was taken up for Foreign Missions and received $2.35.

The Fifth question on program was taken up and ably discussed by C. A. Peterson, Hon. S. J. Turner and Rev. L. H. Greene.

The Committee on Preaching report that Rev. A. F. Sparks will preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

On motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

THIRD DAY.

Sunday, August 23, 1908.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Choir spent 15 minutes in excellent singing. Rev. Chas. McKinney led the Convention in prayer.

Third item on program was taken up as agreed on yesterday. Good speeches were made by M. L. Buchanan, W. A. Robinson, Charlie Ellis, Rev. C. H. McKinney and Rev. A. F. Sparks.

A collection was taken for the Thomasville Orphanage amounting to $4.37.

The committee on Resolutions reported the following:

Whereas, the Baptist Churches and Sunday Schools of North Carolina have an Orphan Home at Thomasville, N. C., with about 350 inmates who are looking to the Baptists principally for their support and we should ever be ready to respond to their call;

Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Mitchell County Sunday School Convention, That we recommend to the Baptist Sunday Schools in the bounds of the Mitchell County Association that they take a collection at least once a month for the Orphanage.

A RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this Convention tender our thanks to this church and community in general for their kind hospitality during this session.

Respectfully,

L. H. GREENE,
W. A. ROBINSON,
Committee

The above resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The Convention took 15 minutes for recess.

At the expiration of the recess the Convention reassembled. Rev. Anderson Sparks preached an interesting sermon. At the conclusion of the Sermon the Convention adjourned to meet at time and place aforesaid.

ANDERSON SPARKS, *President,*
Ledger, N. C.

R. T. LEWIS, *Secretary,*
Valley, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1908.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	SECRETARIES AND THEIR P. O. ADDRESSES.	Officers and Teachers.	Number Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Minute Fund.	Other Expenses.
Bakersville	J. S. Poteet	W. G. Poteet, Bakersville, N. C.	7	90	55	$ 1.00	$31.63
Little Rock Creek	G. W. Greene	W. D. Wilson, Glen Ayre	6	78	60	40	8.78
Pleasant Hill	N. A. Buchanan	C. T. Hicks, Frank, N. C.	6	115	96	1.20	24.75
Henson Creek	J. M. Greer	Bill Greer, Spear, N. C.	4	55	55	50	20.44
Roaring Creek	R. T. Lewis	J. G. Hughes, Valley, N. C.	7	75	58	55	13.00
Roan Mountain	D. J. English	Bertie Wilson, Bakersville, N. C.	8	103	70	75	25.35
Cub Creek	Dock Hart	William Canipe, Tal Cane, N. C.	8	55	55	50	24.25
Cane Creek	W. W. Buchanan	Ed. W. Young, Clarissa, N. C.	6	126	91	1.00	34.56
Fork Mountain	D. M. Cook	H. R. Hughes, Little Rock Creek.	7	75	50	50	5.00
Beaver Creek	William Grindstaff	Columbus Thomas, Spruce Pine.	6	55	35	50	15.65
McKinney Cove	W. A. McKinney	Jarrett Ellis, Bakersville, N. C.	8	40	30	32	.....
Bear Creek	Milton Buchanan	J. J. Conley, Ledger, N. C.	8	74	74	90	109.46
Big Meadows	B. G. Franklin	Joseph T. Pyatt, Pyatt, N. C.	5	60	50	.....	9.00
Silver Chapel	S. C. Morgan	Clyde Robinson, Bandana, N. C.	7	144	70	50	12.42
White Oak	R. V. Wilson	J. I. Buchanan, Bakersville, N. C.	6	42	42	30	8.50

MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

Mitchell County Baptist Association

—AND THE—

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ROAN MOUNTAIN AND MITCHELL COUNTY ASSOCIATION

COMBINED

HELD WITH

BAKERSVILLE CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 16, 17 & 18, 1909.

The next session of this body will be held with Pleasant Hill Church (P. O.: Frank, N. C.) beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1910.

FRED F. BROWN to preach the Introductory Sermon.
L. H. GREENE, Alternate.

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Rev. W. H. Ollis, D. W. Greene, and W. M. Greene.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

S. J. Black, Mrs. Lucretia Young, J. D. Braswell, W. F. Dodson

FACULTY:

Prof. J. H. Beach, principal, - - Graduate of Wake Forest College
..... Miss Louisa Williams, Mrs. E. E. Stafford.

PROCEEDINGS.

BAKERSVILLE, N. C., Sept. 16, 1909.

The Mitchell County Baptist Association met at 10:30 a. m. to-day with the Bakersville Baptist Church.

Rev. S. M. Greene, moderator for eighteen years, proceeded to call the body to order.

After devotional services conducted by Rev. J. C. Blalock, A. E. Brown preached the annual sermon from the 6th chapt. and 10th verse of Matthew. Theme: "Thy Kingdom come."

Motion carried that we adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m.

Pastor read assignment of delegates.

Motion carried that Judge J. C. Pritchard deliver an address at 3 p. m

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Body called to order by Rev. L. H. Greene, moderator pro tem., after singing, and prayer by Rev. E. D. Silver. The moderator was called home on account of the death of his grandson.

Reception of letters called for. The moderator appointed M. L. Wilson and J. M. Peterson, who read 28 letters from churches.

Motion carried that we receive newly-constituted churches and their delegates. Received none.

Motion carried that we elect the Moderator by ballot, and Rev. L. H. Greene was thus elected.

Motion carried that W. F. Dodson be elected Clerk by acclamation.

A call was extended to visiting brethren, and the following brethren responded: A. E. Brown, of the Southern Baptist Convention, as manager of the Mountain Schools; F. F. Brown, of the Home Board; E. D. Silver, of Yancey County Association; J. C. Blalock, of Yancey county.

Motion carried that we invite J. F. Shelton, pastor of the M. E. Church South.

Motion carried that we invite David Patton, of Johnson City, Tenn.

Committees were appointed as follows:

On Orphanage—J. C. Blalock, Storling Sparks, Charles McKinney.

On Nominations—M. L. Wilson, S. J. Black, John Washburn.

On Finance—W. M. Greene, J. E. Burleson.

On Foreign Missions—M. L. Buchanan, E. D. Silver, J. W. Duncan.

On Home Missions—M. L. Wilson, A. E. Brown, Anderson Sparks.

On Ministers' Relief—Yates Sparks, Joe Wilson.

On Education—C. E. Greene, J. H. Beach, W. C. Greene, Will Braswell, F. F. Brown.

On State Missions—J. M. Peterson, R. T. Lewis, Livingston Johnson, S. M. Greene,

On Temperance—Judge J. C. Pritchard, J. D. Braswell, John Washburn.

On Periodicals—J. W. Putman, J. S. Poteet.

On Obituaries—J. C. Blalock, J. W. Duncan, S. M. Greene.

On Woman's Work—Mrs. S. J. Black, Mrs. Lucretia Young, Nola Burleson

On Preaching—J. L. McKinney, Winfield Sparks, together with delegates of Bakersville Baptist Church.

On Place and Time of Holding next Association—J. M. Peterson, S. M. Pitman, R. T. Lewis, David Hoyle, P. L. Greene.

On Program—A. E. Brown, M. L. Buchanan, J. W. Putman.

Motion carried that we meet at 8:30 a. m. for devotional services and promptly at 9 o'clock proceed to business.

Committee reports preaching to-night.

Adjourned.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Sept. 17, 1909.

The Association met at 8:30 a. m.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. Livingston Johnson.

The body was called to order promptly at 9 o'clock by moderator.

Committee on Program reported.

Invitation extended to visiting brethren, and Livingston Johnson, secretary of State Mission Board, responded; also Judge J. C. Pritchard, of Asheville, N. C., correspondent of Buncombe County Association.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

The following report on Temperance was read and adopted:

There is expended in this country every year for strong drink something over $2,000,000,000. Among the results of this traffic in intoxicating liquors are the loss of 100,000 lives each year, 95 per cent. of the murders in the country, 75 per cent of all crimes, 75 per cent. of divorces, and 40 per cent. of insanity. While it is a good thing to keep the boy out of the way of temptation, it is a better thing to keep temptation out of the way of the boy.

To the end that the liquor traffic may be abolished, we recommend—That we urge our people everywhere not to vote for any one for any office who is known to be in sympathy with the liquor traffic.

God hasten the day when the traffic shall be completely abolished from our Southland, our country, and from all the world.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. PRITCHARD,
J. D. BRASWELL,
JOHN WASHBURN, } Committee.

Spoken to by Judge J. C. Pritchard, who delivered what all concur in pronouncing one of the ablest discourses on temperance ever heard in Mitchell county.

HOME MISSIONS.

The following Report on Home Missions was read and adopted:

We, your Committee on Home Missions, beg leave to submit the following report:

As compared with other organizations for the conduct of home missions our Home Mission Board has the distinction of getting much larger results for the amount of money spent; and as compared with its own record in previous years the Home Board last year gained notably.

The number of baptisms reported by the Board last year was 25,109, a gain of 2,707. The number of additions to the mission churches was 47,808, a gain of 7,391. The number of churches organized by missionaries was 146, a gain of 12. In the evangelistic department there were 4,932 professions of faith, an increase of 1,949. The number of churches built and repaired was 368, an increase of 30. On the financial side the $283,436 raised was an increase of $35,298 over the year preceding.

That the receipts from Southern Baptists for Home Missions should have steadily advanced for the last five years so as to more than double in that time is grounds for profound gratitude.

What shall we say, then, to the following chart showing of increase in

results as shown by the one item of baptisms reported? This chart tells the story of a multiplication of results by more than three in five years:

1904.....7,526
1905.....10,551
1906.....15,436
1907.....18,798
1908.....22,402
1909.....25,109

Nor do other phases of results fail to show a like remarkable increase. In the same period of annual report of churches organized has advanced from 157 to 338, and of total additions to churches from 16,797 to 47,808.

It is striking, but a sober truth, that Southern Baptists have the greatest opportunity in the home mission work possessed by any Christian denomination in America. The Southwest is a vast domain, larger in area than all the Southern Baptist Convention territory east of the Mississippi.

Northern Presbyterians and Southern Baptists do nine-tenths of the mountain mission school work in the Southern highlands. Last year they educated 3,880 students at a cost of $118,000, while Southern Baptists educated 4,300 at a cost of $28,000.

Such things as these indicate that the responsibility of Southern Baptists is very large in these and other great problems in the work for saving the homeland.

At the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Louisville in May 1909 the apportionment to be raised for home missions in North Carolina was $21,000.

Respectfully submitted.

M. L. WILSON, Chairman
Rev. A. E. BROWN
Rev. ANDERSON SPARKS
Committee.

Spoken to by F. F. Brown, who surely is one of the greatest young preachers and orators of the grand old State of North Carolina; also A. E. Brown.

Pledges Taken for Home Missions:

Bakersville	$50.00	Beaver Creek	$2.50
Roan Mountain	10.00	Crossnore	2.50
Little Rock Creek	10.00	Cub Creek	5.00
Lily Branch	5.00	Roaring Creek	2.00
Bear Creek	10.00	Spruce Pine	18.00
Big Rock Creek	2.50	Henson Creek	1.50
Mine Creek	5.00	Cranberry	10.00
Fork Mountain	2.50	Green Valley	5.00
Silver Chapel	5.00	Yellow Mt.	10.00
Grassy Creek	5.00	Spring Creek	2.50
Pleasant Hill	5.00	Gouge Chapel	2.50
McKinney Cove	6.00	Aaron	2.00
Cane Creek	10.00	A. M. Gouge	5.00
White Oak	5.00	Total	$200.00

ROLL CALL OF CHURCHES:

Roan Mountain—S. M. Greene, J. C. Wilson, A. Greene, Newt. Young, J. Z. Singleton, J. W. Buchanan, W. J. Wilson.

Little Rock Creek—P. L. Green.

Lily Branch—D. W. Greene, David Hoyle.

Bear Creek—Starling Sparks, J. W. Buchanan, M. V. Buchanan, W. S. Duncan.

Oak Grove—J. G. Buchanan, J. M. Gragg, W. J. Buchanan.

Mine Creek—Isaac McKinney.
Fork Mountain—D. M. Cook, D. McKinney.
Mt. Pleasant—Joseph Burleson, J. W. Carpenter.
Bakersville—M. D. Wilson, C. E. Greene, W. F. Dodson, F. B. Poteat, M. L. Wilson, M. L. Buchanan, J. D. Braswell.
Silver Chapel—Garrett Buchanan, Leonard Burleson.
Green Valley—W. H. Ollis, Joe Ollis, D. Ollis.
Pleasant Hill—Luther Ollis, Henry Hoilman, W. M. Buchanan.
McKinney Cove—C. H. McKinney, J. McKinney, Sam. McKinney.
Cane Creek—Robert Buchanan, C. H. Wise.
Beaver Creek—W. M. Grindstaff.
White Oak—H. L. Grindstaff, Albert Wilson, Chas. Lowry.
Cub Creek—John Canipe, J. W. Winters.
Roaring Creek—W. M. Gardner, R. T. Lewis, Zeb Hughes.
Cranberry—W. C. Greene, A. J. Buchanan, Robert W. Braswell
Spruce Pine—W. M. Greene, J. E. Burleson, Whitfield Sparks, Dr. J. M. Peterson.
Henson Creek—W. A. Buchanan.
Big Rock Creek—Chas. Street, T. N. Gouge.
Grassy Creek—Wastel McKinney, D. M. Washburn, John Washburn, Mills Hallifield.
Spring Creek—J. W. Putman, M. Francis, Lewis Butler.
Elk Park—W. F. Meridith, A. C. Pritchard.
Aaron—N. S. Sudderth, J. T. Braswell.
Yellow Mountain—C. W. Burleson, Wm. Braswell.
Gouge Chapel—Thos. Hoilman, Isaac Roberts, Jno. Cook.

Afternoon Session.

Sept. 17, 1909.

The Association met according to adjournment.

Reading of Oak Grove church letter by clerk.

Report of Committee on Periodicals read by F. F. Brown and spoken to by L. Johnson.

PERIODICALS.

The interest and activity of a people in any work depend largely upon their information concerning the work. The progressive farmer, lawyer, or business man recognizes the importance of knowing the methods used by others in his work and the results obtained. In order to do this, he reads all the literature that concerns his business and endeavors to bring his special work up to the standards and results achieved by others.

Should we as Christian people show less interest in the matters of the Kingdom than we do in politics, farming, etc.?

Before we can pray definitely or give systematically and intelligently we must know something about the different departments of work.

As Baptist people we are fortunate in having excellent periodicals, which furnish us with information along all lines. Not only do they furnish us with information, but they give themselves with persistence and ability to the developing and promoting of the Master's work.

We recommend that every Baptist home take the *Biblical Recorder*, our State paper, the organ of the Baptist State Convention; *Charity and Children*, edited and published from our Orphanage at Thomasville; *The Home Field*, published by the Home Mission Board; *The Foreign Missoin Journal*, published by the Foreign Mission Board.

J. W. PUTMAN,
J. S. POTEAT, } Committee.

Invitation extended to Bro. E. W. Carpenter and wife of the Watauga (Tenn.) Association.

ORPHANAGE REPORT.

Report on Orphanage read by L. Johnson and adopted, as follows:

The Orphanage at Thomasville was founded 25 years ago. It began its career with one building, into which were gathered 25 children. To-day there are on the hill nine homes, with capacity for over forty children each, a shoe shop, a printing office, a laundry, a central school building, a central dining room, an infirmary, and homes for the general manager and treasurer. There is also a farm consisting of 400 acres of land in an excellent state of cultivation. A herd of Jersey cattle supply the children with a considerable quantity of nice, fresh milk.

Perhaps the most important building on the grounds is the infirmary, known as "The Woman's Building," because it was erected by the contributions of the Baptist women of our State. This building is a well-arranged up-to-date hospital. There are 30 bed-rooms in the building. There are also long, broad halls, which, in case of an epidemic, can be used as wards. Only a few of these rooms are furnished. It takes about $25 to put the necessary furniture in a room. Churches, Sunday Schools, and individuals are asked to furnish one or more rooms.

There are nearly 400 children at the Orphanage now, and there would be twice that number present if there was room to accommodate them.

It takes nearly $100 a day to meet the running expenses of the Orphanage. These helpless children are the wards of the denomination, and this institution should have our cordial and liberal support.

J. C. BLALOCK,
C. H. McKINNEY, } Com'tee.

Spoken to by L. Johnson.

Collection taken for the Orphanage, amounting to $16.70.

Motion carried that we adjourn to meet at 9 a. m. on the 18th.

Elk Park church contributes $9.42 to Orphanage, included in above collection.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Sept. 18, 1909.

The body met at 9 o'clock a m.

Devotional services conducted by L. H. Greene.

The Moderator called session to order.

Invitation extended. J. W. Hall and W. D. Blalock, of Yancey County Association, responded.

Motion carried that the Sunday School report be coupled with the Associational minutes.

The Committee on Time and Place report that the next Association will be held with the Pleasant Hill church in Sept. 1910.

The following Resolution was offered by S. M. Greene and carried:

Resolved, That the Association advise the churches comprising this body to send such delegates to represent them as will agree to be on time and remain until the session ends, unless providentially hindered.

The Committee on Nominations submitted the following report, which was accepted:

Trustees to serve one year—W. H. Ollis, D. W. Greene, W. M. Greene.
To serve 2 years—S. J. Black, M. L. Wilson, Mrs. Lucretia Young.
To serve 3 years—Chas. E. Greene, J. D. Braswell, W. F. Dodson.
Treasurer for Association and Trustees, D. J. English.

Submitted.

A. E. BROWN,
M. L. WILSON,
S. J. BLACK, } Committee.

The following resolution by A. E. Brown was read and adopted:

Resolved, That each church take one collection during the year for aged ministers and send to WALTER DURBAN, Raleigh, N. C.

The following Report on Woman's Work was read and adopted and spoken to by A. E. Brown:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The Women's Missionary Societies are doing some work In this Association. But yet after eight years it is only in its infancy. We have two women's missionary societies and two young people's missionary societies. Our contributions last year for Home, State, and Foreign missions were about $50. Our sisters have not yet awoken to their duty in this great work of missions. Oh, that our people would be a willing people and take hold of our Lord's commands with a zeal fitting a child of God, and, too, while they have time and opportunity. How much of the love that was manifest on Calvary for lost souls is shining out from the Mitchell County Association to-day? God will judge.

Do we as an Association do our duty regarding our Savior's last command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Will we hasten to obey or will we delay until the cries of the lost reach the gates of Heaven and we receive from God the sad denunciation—"unfaithful servants."

Respectfully submitted.

IDA BLACK.
LUCRETIA YOUNG.

Report on Education was read and adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following report:

That owing to the rapid increase of population and the growing demand for a liberal education in all departments of business and science, that we as a church and as a people should view with reverence and gratitude the many opportunities undreamed of by our ancestors; and there continues a progress educationally in this State unparalleled in our history. Many Churches in the State are founding schools. The Methodists, the Presbyterians, and other denominations are building schools in our State. Our Church is doing a great work along this line, but not what it should do. Your committee would emphasize Christian education. We believe that this is the proper way to educate the boys and girls of our State. We believe that every true Baptist in the State should support his school most loyally. We submit that this is an opportune time for the Baptists of Mitchell county to come to the aid and stand by our school, the Bowman Academy.

We suggest that every Baptist parent in Mitchell county send their children to Bowman Academy, and there let them be prepared for Wake Forest and Meredith. Bowman Academy has enlarged facilities, and under the supervision of Dr. Brown it bids fair to be one of the finest mountain schools in all Western North Carolina. We repeat and insist that each parent send their children to Bowman Academy. If you send these children away to school, you may educate them, but you will never have an educated citizenship. What we want is an educated citizenship, and to have this we must patronize Bowman Academy. Let the Baptist educate its own people.

"'Tis education that shapes the common mind.
Just as the twig is bent the tree is inclined."

C. E. GREENE, J. H BEACH, W. C. GREENE, WILL BRASWELL, F. F. BROWN.

Spoken to by F. B. Poteat, J. C. Blalock, J. M. Peterson, A. E. Brown.

[The name of the academy has since been changed to Mitchell Collegiate Institute.]

Pledges to Buy the F. W. Young Property.

W. H. Ollis	$10	Mrs. Jane Baker	$5	J. D. Braswell	$10
M. L. Wilson	25	Miss Emma Young	5	Yellow Mt.	5
C. E. Greene	25	Joe Buchanan	5	Fork Mt.	5
S. J. Black	25	John Buchanan	5	Mine Creek	5
M. C. Pannell	5	J. M. Peterson	5	Bear Creek	5
Albert Wilson	5	R. T. Lewis	5	Grassy Creek	5
F. B. Poteat	5	W. M. Gardner	5	Big Rock Creek	5
R. J. Wilson	5	Stephen Buchanan	5	Little Rock Creek	5
J. L. McKinney	10	Roan Mountain	5	W. D. Blalock	1
Wiley Gouge	10	Cane Creek	5	David Patton	1
M. L. Buchanan	25	Spruce Pine	5	J. G. Wilson	10
Mrs. Carpenter	5	Green Valley	5	Total	$262

AFTERNOON SESSION—Sept. 18, 1909.

Met at 2 p. m. Moderator called session to order.

The following Report on Foreign Missions was read and adopted:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

All Christian effort has for its ultimate the evangelization of the world. Our Lord said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." The inspiration of all missionary effort is that we are filling up the measure of Christ's suffering and joy in giving his Gospel to all nations, tribes, and tongues. The individual disciple and the church which fails to keep this, the last and greatest command of our risen Lord, is painfully disobedient and has ignored his covenant vow in baptism.

Respectfully submitted.

M. L. BUCHANAN,
E. D. SILVER,
J. W. DUNCAN,
Committee.

Spoken to by J. F. Shelton and J. W. Hall.

Resolved, That this Association most humbly ask the following churches to pay the sum attached to their names for Foreign Missions:

Roan Mountain	$5.00	Cane Creek	$5.00
Little Rock Creek	5.00	Cub Creek	5.00
Lily Branch	5.00	Roaring Creek	5.00
Bear Creek	5.00	Spruce Pine	5.00
Big Rock Creek	5.00	Cranberry	5.00
Fork Mountain	5.00	White Oak	5.00
Bakersville	5.00	McKinney Cove	2.50
Silver Chapel	5.00	Crossnore	2.50
Liberty Hill	5.00	Beaver Creek	2.50
Grassy Creek	5.00	Linville Falls	1.50
Green Valley	5.00	Henson Creek	1.00
Pleasant Hill	5.00	Total	$100 ——

Report on State Missions adopted. Spoken to by Livingston Johnson in one of his greatest efforts, which was highly enjoyed by all.

STATE MISSIONS.

Number of white Baptists in the State, 212,879; received by baptism last year, 12,849; received by baptism in last ten years, 95,909. One baptism to every 16 Baptists last year; Contributed per member to State Mission, 18¼c.

In State Mission work during the last ten years our missionaries have baptized 13,844 persons, an average of 1,384 a year; completed on mission fields 169 houses of worship, an average of nearly 17 a year; and have collected for the objects of the Convention $52,756.48.

We need more money in order to pay adequate salaries. We cannot get as strong men as many of our fields require at the salaries we can now offer. We need more well-equipped men who are willing to give their lives to mission work on needy fields.

J. M. PETERSON, R. T. LEWIS,
L. JOHNSON, S. M. GREENE.

Pledges Taken for State Missions:

Roan Mt.	$5.00	White Oak	2.00
Little Rock Creek	5.00	Cub Creek	2.00
Bear Creek	5.00	Roaring Creek	2.00
Big Rock Creek	4.00	Spruce Pine	5.00
Mine Creek	2.00	Hensons Creek	2.00
Fork Mt.	2.00	Cranberry	5.00
Mt. Pleasant	2.00	Spring Creek	2.00
Bakersville	10.00	Gouge Chapel	2.00
Silver Chapel	5.00	Yellow Mt.	5.00
Grassy Creek	2.00	Aaron	2.00
Green Valley	2.00	Oak Grove	2.00
McKinney Cove	2.00	Total	$82.00
Cane Creek	5.00		

Motion carried that the name of the Bowman Academy be changed to Mitchell Collegiate Institute.

The balance of $61 was raised to pay off the indebtedness in full of all accounts.

Motion carried that the Clerk have 500 copies of minutes printed for $20, and have remainder of the money for his services.

The Committee on Finance, consisting of W. M. Greene and J. E. Burleson, report having received for minutes $26.23. Received from S. S. Convention, $5.61.

Report of Treasurer D. J. English read and adopted, showing receipts during the year of $1.50; on hand, $1.50.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION.

Resolved, That this Association hereby tender its most sincere thanks to our beloved and retiring Moderator, S. M. Greene, who has served us so faithfully for the past eighteen years.

We also wish to extend our sympathy to our dear beloved Brother in the sad hour of his life in losing one of his dear little grand-sons.

Respectfully, L. H. GREENE.

Resolved, That we hereby tender our thanks to the Bakersville Baptist church and the Methodist brethren, also the entire town and community, for their hospitality during this session.

COMMITTEE.

Rev. L. H. GREENE, Moderator,
Bakersville, N. C.

W. F. DODSON, Clerk,
Bakersville, N. C.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CHURCHES IN MITCHELL COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 16, 1909.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Baptisms.	Church Membership.	Minutes.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Other Objects.	Orphanage.	Pastors' Salary.	S. School Expenses.	Total.
Roan Mountain	L. H. Greene	2	176	1.30	10.—	.....	.....	28.—	3.00	52.50	.....	93.50
Little Rock Creek	S. M. Greene	2	222	1.08	1.—	.....	.....	6.—	.....	40.55	.....	47.55
Bear Creek	L. H. Greene	2	261	1.50	5.—	5.80	36.60	.....	.....	44.—	48.80	129.40
Lily Branch	J. A. Gouge	..	137	.85	1.20	1.60	.....	36.—	.....	60.—	15.00	115.—
Big Rock Creek	Anderson Sparks	28	97	.90	.....	.....	.....	10.—	.....	34.57	6.00	50.57
Mine Creek	L. H. Greene	..	142	1.—	.70	.....	.80	18.85	3.59	32.85	5.09	60.38
Fork Mountain	Anderson Sparks	16	147	1.15	5.00	5.—	.....	14.50	.....	30 00	12.00	66.50
Mt. Pleasant	T. M. Reid	..	77	.30	2.—	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	5.—
Bakersvile	L. H. Greene	29	139	2.—	12.50	9.25	8.19	905.05	.....	103.74	212.43	1,249.16
Silver Chapel	J. A. Gouge	3	96	.70	1.93	.....	.....	.....	5 09	...	10.—	27.72
Grassy Creek	S. M. Greene	13	167	1.50	5.00	.....	2.50	34.—	.....	65.45	6.—	112.95
Green Valley	W. H. Ollis	1	55	.80	2.20	.....	2.—	.....	.....	21.47	5.—	40.67
Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pitman	2	128	1.50	.....	5.—	.15	50.—	2.15	52.75	25.75	134.90
McKinney Cove	C. H. McKinney	4	57	1.—	2.—	.....	.....	10.45	3.00	13.75	9.00	38.30
Cane Creek	Anderson Sparks	16	218	1.20	12.00	.....	.....	91.10	.....	42.54	32.93	145.04
Beaver Creek	Reuben Pitman	9	56	.50	2.50	.....	.....	7.—	...	9.00	6.00	24.50
White Oak	L. H. Greene	10	96	.90	3.—	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.—
Cub Creek	Anderson Sparks	2	119	.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46.15	25.—	74.05
Roaring Creek	S. A. Hughes	48	130	.50	2.—	1.—	.....	27.60	3 00	16.00	50.—	94.60
Spruce Pine	S. M. Greene	24	90	..	36.—	.....	5.—	531.35	.....	60.00	30.56	696.66
Henson Creek	J. Y. Sparks	2	30	.40	.....	.....	.....	20.36	.....	13.75	.....	25.11
Cranberry	D. A. Greene	14	71	2.—	.....	5.39	3.—	127.35	7.09	67.50	121.—	331.33
Aaron	L. C. Wilson	..	32	.75	.....	.....	2.75	.....	3.25	60.00	9,02	72.27
Elk Park	G. W. Trivett	3	37	1.—	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	63 50	5.—	68.50
Oak Grove	J. Y. Sparks	3	52	1.—	.....	.....	.....	44.80	.....	18.75	4.25	67.80
Spring Creek	J. W. Putman	..	33	.50	..	.....	.....	.....	...	25 00	.....	25.50
Gouge Chapel	J. W. Putman	..	40	1.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.00	.....	26.25
Yellow Mountain	S. M. Greene	9	83	.....	.....	2.56	2.—	39.—	....	70.00	30.—	143.—

RECORD OF THE MITCHELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Year.	WITH WHAT CHURCH.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	Preacher of Annual Sermon.	Month of Meeting
1884	Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putnam	L. H. Greene	Sept. 14
1885	Little Rock Creek	S. M. Greene	do	T. H. McCoary	Sept. 15
1886	Toe River	L. H. Greene	S. M. Collis	S. M. Collis	Sept. 7
1887	Elk Park	S. M. Collis	Wm. G. Buchanan	S. M. Greene	Aug. 18
1888	Mine Creek	J. W. Duncan	S. M. Greene	E. Buchanan	Aug. 16
1889	Grassy Creek	J. W. Duncan	do	J. C. Sparks	Aug. 13
1890	Aaron	S. M. Greene	Wm. G. Buchanan	W. H. Ollis	Sept. 25
1891	Fork Mountain	J. C. Sparks	D. W. Greene	L. H. Greene	Sept. 24
1892	Big Rock Creek	Wm. G. Buchanan	J. W. Putnam	W. A. Roberson	Sept. 22
1893	Big Meadows	S. M. Greene	do	J. W. Putnam	Aug. 31
1894	Roan Mountain	L. H. Greene	S. M. Greene	L. H. Greene	Aug. 30
1895	Lily Branch	L. H. Greene	D. W. Greene	J. W. Putnam	Aug. 27
1896	Mt. Pleasant	S. M. Greene	do	G. P. Bostic	Sept. 3
1897	Little Rock Creek	do	do	S. M. Greene	Sept. 16
1898	Bear Creek	do	do	P. J. Shell	Sept. 15
1899	Yellow Mountain	do	do	T. M. Honeycutt	Sept. 14
1900	Bakersvile	do	do	A. E. Brown	Sept. 13
1901	Liberty Hill	do	do	J. B. Nagle	Sept. 12
1902	Cane Creek	do	do	J. W. Duncan	Sept. 16
1903	Aaron	do	W. F. Dodson	L. H. Greene	Sept. 15
1904	Roan Mountain	do	do	T. M. Reid	Sept. 13
1905	Roaring Creek	do	do	A. E. Brown	Sept. 12
1906	Bear Creek	do	do	J. W. Duncan	Sept. 11
1907	Grassy Creek	do	do	L. H. Greene	Sept. 10
1908	Silver Chapel	do	do	S. M. Greene	Sept. 17
1909	Bakersville	do	do	A. E. Brown	Sept. 16

MINUTES OF THE

MITCHELL COUNTY BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

HELD WITH THE

Roaring Creek Baptist Church, August 20, 21, 22, 1909.

The next session of this Convention will be held with the Cub Creek Church, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1910.
Rev. W. A. Braswell to preach the Introductory Sermon.

VALLEY, N. C., August 20, 1909.

The Mitchell County Baptist Sunday School Convention met this day with the Roaring Creek Baptist Church.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. A. Braswell. Text: Matthew 7-24. Subject: Building your life.

The President being absent, the Convention was called to order by the Secretary, R. T. Lewis, who appointed the following Committees:

On Program—Rev. S. M. Pitman, Rev. W. A. Braswell, S. N. Buchanan.
Preaching—Isasc Cooper, J. S. Hobson, Stokes Braswell.
Time and Place—V. B. Hicks, W. M. Ellis, Wm. Gardner.
Resolutions—S. M. Pitman, W. A. Braswell, J. G. Hughes.
Finance—W. E. Ollis, Chas. Burleson, Jr., S. N. Buchanan.

Arizona Hughes and Hortie Cooper were appointed Reading Clerks, who read letters from ten Sunday Schools.

The assignment of Delegates' homes was read by R. T. Lewis.

On motion, the Convention took recess till 2 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION—FIRST DAY.

Convention reassembled according to adjournment. Rev. J. T. Willey read a Scripture lesson and led the Convention in prayer.

The Choir spent 15 minutes in excellent singing.

The Convention reorganized by electing R. T. Lewis president and Arizona Hughes secretary.

The Committee on Program submitted the following Report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM.

We, your Committee on Program, submit the following report:
1st. In what way can we do the most good on the Sabbath day?
2d. What is the best method of teaching in the Sunday School?
3d. What is the best method to get people to attend Sunday School?
4th. What is the best method of teaching the little folks?
5th. Do the Churches and Sunday Schools stand by the Thomasville Orphanage as they should?
6th. Can a Sunday School be run successfully without a singing choir?
7th. What position should the Sunday Schools take as to Missions?

Respectfully submitted.

S. M. PITMAN,
W. A. BRASWELL,
S. N. BUCHANAN,
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

First question on the Program was taken up and spoken to by Revs. W. A. Braswell, J. T. Willey, and S. A. Hughes.

The choir furnished excellent music after each speech.

The Committee on Preaching report that Rev. S. M. Pitman will preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

On motion, Convention adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m. to-morrow.

Rev. J. T. Willey was appointed by the President to conduct the devotional services at 8:30 a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Choir spent 20 minutes in good singing. Rev. W. A. Braswell led the Convention in prayer. The Choir sang one song, after which the Convention was called to order by the President.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Second question on Program was taken up and discussed by Revs. J. T. Willey and W. A. Braswell.

Each speech was followed by splendid singing.

3d question was spoken to by Revs. J. T. Willey and W. A. Braswell.

Convention took 10 minutes recess, reassembling at the expiration of that time.

The Choir spent 15 minutes in singing, after which Rev. S. M. Pitman delivered a most interesting sermon. Text: Mark 4, 14th and part of 26th verse. Subject: What kind of seed are you sowing?

The Convention then adjourned one hour for dinner.

EVENING SESSION—SECOND DAY.

The Choir began to sing at 1 o'clock, and at 1:30 p. m. the Convention was called to order by the President.

Rev. W. A. Braswell led the Convention in prayer.

The Secretary called the roll and enrolled the names of delegates as follows:

ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES.

Bakersville—J. D. Braswell.
Burleson's Chapel—S. N. Buchanan.
Cranberry—Wm. Gouge, Sarah Gouge, Minnie Davis, Finettie Gouge.
Fork Mountain—Moses McKinney.
Little Rock Creek—P. N. Greene, W. M. Ellis, N. F. Burleson.
Henson Creek—I. P. Hughes.
Cub Creek—Sherman Hoilman, Ambrose Hoilman.
Pleasant Hill—V. B. Hicks, B. A. Ollis, W. C. Hicks, Marjorie Cooper, E. H. Cooper, Florence Hicks, Texie Buchanan, Marion Buchanan, Sr.
Oak Grove—J. G. Buchanan.
Roaring Creek—R. T. Lewis, S. A. Hughes, Nettie Hopson, J. G. Hughes, Jeffy Hughes, Wm. Gardner, Lulie Hughes, Charlie Burleson.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report: We have received from the various Sunday Schools $8.86.

CHAS. BURLESON, Jr.
W. E. OLLIS, } Committee.
S. N. BUCHANAN,

It was ordered that the Clerk report the proceedings of this Con-

vention to the Mitchell County Baptist Association, and that she have $3 for her service during this Convention.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

We. your Committee on Time and Place, recommend that the next session of this Convention be held with the Cub Creek Church, to begin on Friday before the second Sunday in October 1910, and that Rev. W. A. Braswell preach the introductory sermon.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. GARDNER,
W. M. ELLIS, } Committee.
V. B. HICKS,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee on Resolutions recommend the following report:

Whereas the Baptist Churches and Sunday Schools of North Carolina have an Orphan Home at Thomasville, N. C., with about 375 inmates who are looking to the Baptists principally for their support, and we should ever be ready to respond to their call: Therefore, be it

Resolved by the Mitchell County Sunday School Convention, That we recommend to the Baptist Sunday Schools in the bounds of the Mitchell County Association that they take a collection at least once a month for the Orphanage.

A RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this Convention tender our thanks to this church and community in general for their kind hospitality during this session.

Respectfully,

S. M. PITMAN,
W. A. BRASWELL, } Committee.
J. G. HUGHES,

The above reports and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

After singing by the choir, the fourth item on Program was taken up and spoken to by Rev. J. T. Willey.

The choir sang one song, after which the Secretary called the roll and marked absentees.

Then the fifth question on Program was taken up and ably discussed by Stokes Braswell, Revs. W. A. Braswell and J. T. Willey.

Sixth question on Program was taken up and quite interestingly discussed by Rev. S. M. Pitman.

The choir then sang one of their sweetest songs, followed by interesting talks on the Orphanage by Revs. W. A. Braswell and J. T. Willey.

While the choir sang a collection was taken up for the Baptist Orphanage, amounting to $4.18. On motion, the amount received was turned over to Bro. Wilburn Ollis, who will send same to the Orphanage.

After singing by the choir, a short talk describing Berea College, Ky., was made by Miss Gertrude Collette.

Seventh question was taken up and laid over till to-morrow, in order to give room for Hon. J. C. Bowman, who made a talk on education, also describing Berea (Ky.) College.

The President then, in behalf of the Convention, thanked Miss Collette and Mr. Bowman for their talks.

After splendid singing by the choir, it was moved that the Convention adjourn. The motion carried, and the Convention adjourned to meet in Sunday School mass meeting at 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

THIRD DAY.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Spent 20 minutes in song service. Rev. S. M. Pitman led the Convention in prayer.

The President then called the Convention to order. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Seventh question on Program was taken up and dispensed with.

After excellent singing by the choir, Rev. J. T. Willey read the 3d chapter of Malachi, and Rev. S. A. Hughes led Convention in prayer.

One song, and J. T. Willey delivered the 11 o'clock sermon with great power. Text: Matt. xxviii, 18. Subject: Missions.

At the conclusion of the sermon the Convention adjourned, and thus closed another interesting session of the Mitchell County Baptist Sunday School Convention.

R. T. LEWIS, President,
Valley, N. C.

ARIZONA HUGHES, Secretary,
Spear, N. C.

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Sunday School Statistical Table for 1909.

Name of School.	Superintendents.	Secretaries and their Post-Offices.	Officers and teachers.	Number Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Minute Fund.	Other Expenses.
Henson Creek	W. A. Buchanan	Mrs. Laura Greer, Spear, N. C.	6	68	38	$0.50	$11.36
Burleson Chapel	Wendell Slagle	Stokes Burleson, Little Rock Creek, N. C.	6	45	39	.50	7.05
Roaring Creek	R. T. Lewis	Nettie Hopson, Valley, N. C.	10	119	81	1.00	49.67
Cranberry	J. L. Fletcher	Mildred Cameron, Cranberry, N. C.	9	232	.....	1.00	62.80
Fork Mountain	D. M. Cook	H. R. Hughes, Little Rock Creek, N. C.	...	60	50	.35	6.00
Bakersville	Chas. E. Greene	Clyde Pritchard, Bakersville, N. C.	...	140	90	1.00	212.00
Cub Creek	Dock Hart	R. H. Slagle, Toecane, N. C.	8	156	115	.50	25.72
Pleasant Hill	A. B. Hicks	C. T. Hicks, Frank, N. C.	8	.....	86	1.10	27.00
Oak Grove	J. G. Buchanan	J. M. Craig, Montezuma, N. C.	7	55	42	.25	39.37
Little Rock Creek	W. D. Wilson	D. P. Thomas, Glenayre, N. C.	8	65	50	1.00	25.00
Bear Creek	Milton Buchanan	J. J. Conley, Ledger, N. C.	8	100	70	.80	50.55

MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Seventh Annual Session

—OF THE—

Mitchell County Baptist Association

—AND THE—

SIXTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ROAN MOUNTAIN AND MITCHELL COUNTY ASSOCIATION

COMBINED

HELD WITH

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 15, 16, 17, 1910.

The next session of this body will be held with Spruce Pine Church, beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1911.

W. R. BRADSHAW to preach the Introductory Sermon.
S. M. GREENE, Alternate.

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D. W. Greene, Clerk	Wing "
D. J. English, Treasurer	Bakersville "

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

L. H. Greene,	Bakersville.	E. A. Stamy	Altamont
C. H. McKinney,	Bakersville.	Troy Jones	Montezuma
Isaac Grindstaff,	Bakersville.	E. M. Johnson,	Plumtree
R. M. Young,	Bakersville.	W. H. Ollis	Ingalls
J. W. Duncan,	Spruce Pine.	J. R. Waycaster	Estatoe
J. C. Blalock,	Ledger.	J. R. Boone	Estatoe
Anderson Sparks,	Ledger.	S. M. Greene	Clarrissa
J. C. Thomas,	Bandana.	H. B. Buchanan,	Clen Ayre
S. A. Hughes,	Valley.	J. W. Putman,	Magnetic City
S. M. Pitman,	Frank.	R. S. Hayes	Saginaw

The above post-offices are all in North Carolina.

LICENTIATES.

William Gardner	Senia, N. C.
J. W. Carpenter	Hughes "

The Mitchell Collegiate Institute.

TRUSTEES:

Charles E. Greene, Chairman,	Bakersville, N. C.
M. L. Wilson, Secretary	"
J. M. Peterson	Spruce Pine, N. C.
E. M. Johnson	Pyatte "
W. A. Roberson	Bandana "

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

S. J. Black, Mrs. Lucretia Young, J. D. Braswell, W. F. Dodson

PROCEEDINGS.

FRANK, N. C., September 15, 1910.

The Mitchell County Baptist Association met at 10:30 a. m. to-day with the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. After spending 30 minutes in devotional exercises the Moderator, L. H. Greene, called the house to order. After singing, led by the choir, a Scripture lesson was read by Rev. J. C. Blalock from the 17th chapter of John. Prayer was then offered by John Norris.

In the absence of Fred E. Brown, who was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, Bro. J. C. Blalock preached the annual sermon, using for his text 1st Cor. 1st chapter and 10th verse. Theme: Unity.

On motion, took recess to 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The delegates re-assembled in the house at 2 o'clock, and after singing, led by the choir, prayer was offered by W. H. Ollis, after which the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

J. M. Peterson and D. W. Greene were appointed reading clerks, who read the letters from twenty churches.

The Moderator called for newly-constituted churches. Received letter and delegates from Pinola church, which was read and the delegates welcomed to seats in the body.

On motion, W. F. Meredith, of Elk Park church, was welcomed to a seat in this Association.

A motion carried that we elect a Moderator by ballot, which resulted in the re-election of L. H. Greene as Moderator.

A motion carried that Rev. A. E. Brown cast the entire vote of the body for D. W. Greene as clerk of the Association.

On motion, D. J. English was re-elected treasurer of the Association.

The Moderator extended an invitation to visiting brethren, when the following were recognized and invited to seats: Rev. A. E. Brown of the Southern Baptist Convention, as manager of the Mountain Schools. W. R. Bradshaw represented the State Mission Board. J. R. Grider and John Norris were received as visitors from Three Forks Association.

The Moderater announced the following committees:

On the Orphanage—J. C. Blalock, S. B. Braswell, Reuben Pitman.
On Nominations—M. L. Wilson, W. S. Buchanan, W. C. Greene.
On Finance—Stokes Braswell, Robt. Cardwell.
On Foreign Missions—W. H. Ollis, Stephen Pitman.
On Home Missions—L. A. Berry, A. E. Brown, J. A. Sparks.
On Ministers' Relief—Milton Buchanan, John Norris.
On Education—J. M. Peterson, E. M. Johnson, W. F. Meridith.
On State Missions—Reuben Pitman, W. R. Bradshaw.
On Temperance—M. L. Wilson, W. S. Buchanan.
On Periodicals—W. A. Braswell, W. R. Bradshaw.
On Obituaries—S. M. Sparks, N. A. Buchanan, S. A. Hughes.
On Woman's Work—Mrs. Lucretia Young, Miss Nola Burleson, Mrs. S. J. Black.
On Preaching—Jas. A. Weatherman, S. P. Greene, wlth Pastor and Delegates of Pleasant Hill church.
On Program—A. E. Brown, Johnson McKinney.

On Place and Time of Next Session—J. M. Peterson, M. L. Wilson, and J. J. Murdock.
On Resolutions—M. L. Wilson, D. P. Chandler.
On Digest of Letters—D. W. Greene, W. H. Ollis.

On motion, adjourned to 8:30 to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Sept. 16, 1910.

The Association met again pursuant to adjournment. Spent thirty minutes in praise services, conducted by Bro. A. E. Brown.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator. The report on program was read by Rev. A. E. Brown, and after some remarks it was adopted.

On motion, a committee on the state of the churches was appointed as follows: W. C. Greene, L. A. Berry, M. L. Wilson, C. P. Braswell, Milton Buchanan, Millard Frances, Titus Cox, N. A. Buchanan.

On motion, the clerk read the proceedings of yesterday and called the roll of delegates, which was approved after making some corrections.

ROLL CALL OF CHURCHES:

Aaron—C. P. Braswell, S. L. Franklin.
Bear Creek—Milton Buchanan, John Duncan, J. A. Buchanan.
Beaver Creek—J. W. Pitman, T. J. Pitman.
Bakersville—S. J. Black, T. J. English, M. L. Wilson.
Crossnore—John Clark.
Cub Creek—Sherman Hoilman.
Cranberry—W. C. Greene, W. M. Gouge, Willard Tolley, W. Greene.
Elk Park—J. N. Pritchard, W. F. Meredith, A. C. Pritchard.
Fork Mountain—David McKinney.
Green Valley—Rev. W. H. Ollis, J. C. Singleton, James Weatherman, and J. T. Ollis.
Big Rock Creek—Nat. Gouge, W. M. Sparks.
Big Meadows—Z. D. Pyatt.
Hensons Creek—W. A. Buchanan, J. M. Greer.
Mine Creek—(Not represented).
McKinney Cove—J. S. McKinney.
Pinola—T. W. Wright.
Lily Branch—D. W. Greene, J. J. Murdock.
Liberty Hill—S. M. Sparks, T. L. Cox, Laurence Cox.
Roan Mountain—S. M. Greene, W. S. Buchanan, A. Greene.
Roaring Creek—C. G. Oaks, J. M. Harden.
Pepers Creek—George Brown.
Silver Chapel—D. P. Chandler, Jeff. Sparks.
Spring Creek—J. M. Frances.
Spruce Pine—J. M. Peterson, L. A. Berry.
Yellow Mountain—W. M. Braswell, T. H. Braswell, C. W. Burleson, Geo. Burges, V. Stafford.
Cane Creek—Letter, but no delegates.
Grassy Creek—S. G. Quinn.
Gouges' Chapel—Geo. Cook.
Pleasant Hill—Henry Hoilman, N. A. Buchanan, B. A. Ollis, Hines Davis, Jones Buchanan.
Little Rock Creek—Letter, but no delegates.
White Oak—Milton Wilson.

The report on the Orphanage was read by J. C. Blalock of the committee, and was spoken to by J. C. Blalock and A. E. Brown, after which the report was adopted.

ORPHANAGE REPORT.

The Baptist Orphanage was founded 26 years ago by the Baptists of North Carolina. It now owns a farm of 400 acres of land, and is well stocked with nearly four hundred orphan children, and entirely dependent on the Baptists of the State for their support.

We recommend the Sunday Schools of the Mitchell Association to take collections at least once each quarter for their support. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction."

We further recommend that each church in this Association appoint one member to see that this collection for the Orphanage be taken regularly.

We further recommend that the Committee on Appointment ask for one hundred dollars for the Orphanage.

J. C. BLALOCK,
R. PITMAN,
S. B. BRASWELL, } Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS:

The following report on Home Missions was read by A. E. Brown of the committee. After some remarks by A. E. Brown the report was adopted.

After his resurrection and before his ascension our Lord announced his program of missions. It was:

"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth (Matt. 28:18). Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15), beginning at Jerusalem (Luke 24:47); and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."

The scheme of missions outlined by the Savior took in the entire world. But the nature of the case, as well as his command and the apostolic example, made the world vision include the lost who were near, as well as those who were far away, and made it of first importance. Peter and John of the Apostles, who received the commission, healed the man lame at the temple gates.

The lame man of today sits at the gate of every church. The Jerusalem church was overwhelmingly successful in interpreting the gospel to its own community. Having the purpose and power to save those around it, it had the spirit that naturally and necessarily sends forth wholesome streams of saving truth to the dark places beyond.

Our Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria are in the United States. Are we doing our part to take and keep our country for Christ?

Out of 90,000,000 population in the United States, there are only about 20,000,000 members of evangelical denominations. Are we not too much neglecting our Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria?

Have our churches the unselfish Christian love and consecration to take hold of the crying needs of the submerged and neglected on the one hand, and of the pleasure seekers and money-mad on the other? The world is asking whether we have a gospel that is strong enuough to command the hearts and lives of sin-buffeted men, and bring the harmony of love where now abides the discord of hate and selfish greed.

Alien immigrants flock to our shores at the rate of a million a year, and perhaps two million more of our own people each year are uprooted from their own environment and brought together in new relations in new towns and on the frontier. In these people-movements is at once a great problem

and an unvoiced cry that ascends up before God for a gospel that will bring order out of chaos and replace the selfish hardness and barrenness of sin with good citizenship and brotherly love.

The Christian denominations of America are awakening to the magnitude of these problems and others not here mentioned. They are turning with an encouraging unanimity to Home Missions as the means whereby such problems must be solved.

Southern Baptists must take a large part in saving the lost of America. We hold the gospel in its purity. Since we have so much to give in making good Americans, while at the same time we make Christians, we are under the deeper obligation to do large things. Because we are more numerous than any other Christian body in the South, our obligation is greater than any other.

God has blessed the labors of the missionaries of our Home Board to far larger fruitage than that shown by the reports of similar mission boards.

The Board last year reported 27,426 baptisms and 52,910 additions to churches through the labors of missionaries supported wholly or in part by it. No mission board in the world has reported results one-half as large as these. No home mission board in America, so far as we can find, had results more than one-third as large, though several expended four times as much in the work.

Our people are becoming aroused to the large importance of Home Missions, and each year the Home Board receipts are larger. This year the Southern Baptist Convention is asking for $400,000 to be raised for the work of the Home Board. Of this amount $—— is apportioned to our State and $200 to our own Association. We ought to raise every cent of it and more. We are well able to raise it. By the blessing of God shall we not say, "We will raise it!"

Your committee recommends—

1. That this body provide for the apportioning of the $200.00 our Association is to raise among the churches.
2. That our pastors be requested to make an earnest effort at least once during the year to preach a special sermon on Home Missions, and the magnitude and importance of the problems involved.
3. That each of our churches during the year make at least one liberal offering for this work.
4. That a club of subscribers be raised in each church for the Home Field, the unusually attractive and illuminating monthly magazine of the Home Board.
5. That churches and pastors be encouraged to make a large use of the Home Board's informing tracts and sample copies of the Home Field, both of which are free for the asking.

The address of the Home Mission Board is No. 723 Austell Building, Atlanta, Ga.

A. E. BROWN,
L. A. BERRY, } Com.
J. A. SPARKS,

STATE MISSIONS.

The report on State Missions was read by W. R. Bradshaw of the committee, as follows:

He who thinks that the State Mission Board has no more work to do, is not familiar with the conditions of his own State. For the next decade or two State Missions will be, as it has been in the past, the most important work before our people.

The basis of all denominational growth is State missions. There is no better way of advancing into all parts of our State than by State Missions; and if we are to expand with the expansion of our State; if we are to impress the people with our religious thought and life, we must do it through our State Mission Board.

After eighty years of mission work in North Carolina, during which time we have grown from a handful to a mighty host, yet much remains to be

done. Much Baptist destitution is found in Eastern N. C. Here the Board will for years have to support well-equipped men. A large part of this salary will have to be paid out of our mission fund.

Piedmont, N. C., is our manufacturing center for the present. There are over two hundred and fifty thousand people in these factory towns. They are not of the baser sort, as some would have us to believe. They are our kith and kin. It is true that in the most part they are poor, but we must give the gospel to the poor; and if they hear Baptist preaching we will have to supplement the salary of their pastors.

Western N. C. has been evangelized, and the great work before us is development. If our churches would only form themselves into fields and support their pastors, they could meet the activity of the ministers of other denominations. Because of the non-support of our ministers, fields white unto harvest must go without cultivation and golden opportunities are slipping out of our grasp. What we do for Western N. C. must be done quickly. We recommend that this Association give $150.00 for this object.

R. PITMAN,
W. R. BRADSHAW, } Com.

The report was spoken to by W. R. Bradshaw of the committee, after which the report was adopted.

On motion, adjourned to 1 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled in the house at 1 o'clock p. m., and after singing the Moderator called the Association to order.

On motion, the Moderator invited Rev. A. C. Sherwood to a seat in the body.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The report on Education was called for by the Moderator, which was read by J. M. Peterson of the committee, as follows:

The Committee on Education beg to submit the following report: That in recognition of the fact that education is power and the most potent factor in the gigantic work of the civilization and Christianization of the world's population, and in view of the fact that the best method of elimination of crime is first to inspire the young mind to acquire a liberal education. It is truthfully said by some one that "An idle brain is the devil's work-shop." Let it be said of us as a church and as a people that we build no work-shops for the devil, and to avoid this we must furnish for the young a field and implements with which to work.

With sad regrets we have to say that many of our young people who are ambitious and determined to acquire a liberal education are seeking elsewhere the attainments that should by all means be most easily accessible at our own doors.

If we as a church would build up a college at home, it would stop or at least check the wholesale exportation of our brightest and best young people to Berea and elsewhere. Our people are making some progressive steps in thus having established the Mitchell Collegiate Institute, which bids fair to become a renowned institution of learning if we will only work as laborers should. The harvest truly is ready, and let it not be said that the laborers are few.

J. M. PETERSON,
E. M. JOHNSON, } Com.
W. F. MERIDITH,

The above report was spoken to by J. M. Peterson and A. E. Brown, after which it was adopted.

On motion, the report on Temperance was postponed to 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Moderator called for the report on Periodicals, which was read by W. A. Braswell of the committee, as follows:

We, your committee on Periodicals, recommend the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, and the Foreign Home Journal.

Respectfully submitted.

W. A. BRASWELL,
W. R. BRADSHAW, } Com.

The report was spoken to by W. A. Braswell, A. C. Sherwood, and John Norris.

On motion, adjourned to 8:30 tomorrow morning.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Sept. 17, 1910.

The Association met again according to adjournment and spent 30 minutes in song service and devotional exercises, conducted by W. R. Bradshaw, who read and commented on the 14th chapt. of John, after which the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The report on Temperance was called for by the Moderator and was read by M. L. Wilson of the committee, as follows:

We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following report: For the past few years there has been a great deal of effort on the part of the Christian people to prohibit the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquor, and a number of States having enlisted in that move to the extent of becoming prohibition States; and whereas our State has become a prohibition State; and whereas our county was the first county in the State to break the ice, we do hereby recommend that the Baptist people of this Association in old Mitchell county stand firm and fight any and all moves backward and toward the saloons in our State, and strive hard to create public sentiment against the use of strong drink, and use every influence to get Congress to come to our relief in giving us a law prohibiting the shipping of liquor from other States into our State.

M. L. WILSON,
W. S. BUCHANAN, } Com.
W. M. KEY,

The following report on Foreign Missions was read by W. H. Ollis and was spoken to by W. H. Ollis, J. C. Blalock, and W. R. Bradshaw, after which the report was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

All Christian effort has for its object the evangelization of the world. Our Lord said, "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature." The divine program is expressed in the declaration: "And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." The inspiration of all missionary effort is that we are filling up the measure of Christ's sufferings and joy in giving the gospel to all nations, tribes, and tongues, and unto this end we have been ordained to give the gospel to a lost world. "As the Father hath sent me even so I have sent you." Christ died for the whole world, and we are to give the gospel message to the whole world; and the church which fails to keep this last and greatest command of our Lord is painfully

disobedient. Let it be remembered that more than 10,000 of our churches in the South land, and 443 of them are in our own State. Yet we are the people who glory in being called Missionary Baptist, because it means implicit obedience to the commands of our dear Lord. Are we misnamed, or mistaken, or misappropriating the Lord's money? Will you look around you and see if any of these non-contributing churches are near you, and if so to do your very best to get them to join with us in giving to Foreign Missions $200 this year. Respectfully submitted.

W. H. OLLIS, } Com.
R. PITMAN, }

This report was spoken to by W. H. Ollis, J. C. Blalock, and W. R. Bradshaw, after which it was finally adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

The following report on Ministerial Relief was read by John Norris of the committee, as follows:

For some good reason God has seen fit to leave among us a number of old ministers who have worn themselves out in the work and have come to old age without a sufficient means of support. We are thankful that the churches have made it possible for the Board to supply a part of the needs of these aged saints who will soon be transferred to a place where all of their wants will be met.

This has been a year of more aggressiveness on the part of the Board in placing its claims before the denomination than formerly. With the approval and recommendation of the convention last year for a Christmas offering for the old ministers, the churches which the Board could reach in the short time it had responded generously to the appeal, which increased the gifts to this cause by $800.00 this year.

Your committee would recommend that an annual offering be taken each Christmas for the old ministers, making Christmas for them what Thanksgiving is for the Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN NORRIS, } Com.
MILTON BUCHANAN, }

On motion, the Association took recess for 10 minutes, after which the delegates reassembled in the house for the 11 o'clock sermon, which was preached by W. R. Bradshaw, using for his text: St. John 21st chapt. and 15th verse. Theme, Love.

At the conclusion of the services took up a collection for the Orphanage, amounting to $12.40. Then, on motion, took a recess for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SEPT. 17.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After song service the Moderator called the body to order.

The following report on the State of the Churches was read by M. L. Wilson, and after some remarks by W. R. Bradshaw and M. L. Wilson the report was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Your committee on state of the churches beg leave to submit the following report: We find a gradual advancement in the churches of this Association in the way of contributions to missions, charity, and the support of the ministry; but we feel that we are still at the foot of the mountain and we recommend that the churches strive hard to advance more rapidly in contributions and that each church member give at least 10 per cent of his

income as God has commanded. We especially recommend that the pastors of churches be paid more to enable them to spend more time in studying the work. We find in the last year there have been about 200 baptisms and 53 received by letter.

We regret to state that a number of the pastors of the churches are not doing what they should in the cause. We find that a number do not attend the Associations to keep themselves posted, which we believe is the cause of some churches doing practically nothing.

L. A. BERRY,
MILTON BUCHANAN, } Com.
W. C. GREENE,

The committee on nominations reported the following-named brethren as Trustees of the Mitchell Collegiate Institute to succeed the three whose term has now expired:

Rev. E. M. Johnson, Pyatte, N. C.
J. M. Peterson, Spruce Pine "
W. A. Roberson, Bandana "

M. L. WILSON,
W. S. BUCHANAN, } Com.

The committee on time and place for next meeting of the Association submitted the following report, which was adopted:

We recommend that the next session of the Mitchell County Baptist Association be held with Spruce Pine Baptist Church, beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in September 1911, and that W. R. Bradshaw preach the introductory sermon, with S. M. Greene, alternate.

M. L. WILSON,
J. M. PETERSON, } Com.
JEFF MURDOCK,

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved that we as a body return our heartfelt thanks to the brethren and sisters of Pleasant Hill church for their unbounded kindness and hospitality during the sessions of this Association.

The committee on Finance report that they have received from the different churches minute funds to the amount of $29.66, which was turned over to the Treasurer of the Association.

On motion, the clerk is instructed to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and that he have 500 copies printed.

The Treasurer of the Association made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Mitchell County Baptist Association, I beg to submit the following report: I have received for the Mitchell Collegiate Institute $30.00, which has been turned over to the trustees. I have also received for Minute funds $29.66, and for Home Missions $57.62; for State Missions $12.00; for Foreign Missions $20.00, and for the Baptist Orphanage $14.95.

Respectfully submitted. D. J. ENGLISH, Treasurer.

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

The report of the committee on Apportionment was called for and was read by Rev. S. M. Greene, and after some remarks by him the report was adopted, as follows:

Your committee on apportionment beg leave to submit the following report: Whereas the Association has pledges of $200.00 for State Missions; $200.00 for Home Missions; $200.00 for Foreign Missions, and $100.00 to the Orphanage, your committee apportion this amount as indicated in the table

below, and recommend that collection begin with the Associational year, and earnestly request that the pastors of the different churches look after the collection.

Respectfully submitted.

N. A. BUCHANAN, L. A. BERRY, M. L. WILSON,
MILARD FRANCES, TITUS COX, W. C. GREENE,
MILTON BUCHANAN, C. P. BRASWELL, Com.

Churches.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	For'n Missions.	Orphanage.	Total Amount.
	$	$	$	$	$
Roan Mountain	10	10	10	5	35
Little Rock Creek	10	10	10	5	35
Bear Creek	10	10	10	5	35
Lily Branch	8	8	8	4	28
Big Rock Creek	4	4	4	2	14
Mine Creek	10	10	10	5	35
Fork Mountain	10	10	10	5	35
Mount Pleasant	6	6	6	3	21
Bakersville	10	10	10	5	35
Silver Chapel	10	10	10	5	35
Grassy Creek	8	8	8	4	28
Green Valley	6	6	6	3	21
Pleasant Hill	10	10	10	5	35
McKinney Cove	6	6	6	3	21
Cane Creek	10	10	10	5	35
Beaver Creek	2	2	2	1	7

Churches.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	For'n Missions.	Orphanage	Total Amount.
	$	$	$	$	$
Whiteoak	4	4	4	2	14
Cub Creek	4	4	4	2	14
Roaring Creek	6	6	6	3	21
Spruce Pine	10	10	10	5	35
Hensons Creek	4	4	4	2	14
Cranberry	6	6	6	3	21
Aaron	4	4	4	2	14
Elk Park	6	6	6	3	21
Oak Grove	2	2	2	1	7
Spring Creek	2	2	2	1	7
Gouge's Chapel	4	4	4	2	14
Yellow Mountain	8	8	8	4	28
Pinola	2	2	2	1	7
Liberty Hill	7	7	7	3	24
Pepper's Creek	2	2	2	1	7

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR 1911.

The Moderator appointed the following as chairmen of committees for the ensuing year, who are expected to prepare the reports for next session of the Association:

On State Missions - - - - - L. A. Berry
On Home Missions - - - - Charles E. Greene
On Foreign Missions - - - - John A. Gouge
On Education - - - - - Edmond Johnson
On State of the Churches - - - Rev. S. M. Greene
On Orphanage - - - - - M. L. Wilson
On Temperance - - - - Anderson Sparks
On Woman's Missionary Work - - Mrs. Lucretia Young
On Digest of Letters - - - - - D. W. Greene

STATISTICAL REPORT—ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR ENDING SEPT. 15, 1910.

Churches.	Pastors.	Baptisms.	Church Members	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Objects
Crossnore	E. M. Johnson	20	67	.40	....	....	....	....	....	101.25
Liberty Hill	John A. Gouge	..	121	.80	...	3.00	....	..	25.00	.....
Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene	..	167	1.40	5.00	10.00	....	....	27.62	181.00
Little Rock Creek	L. H. Greene	..	222	1.05	....	1.86	1.15	....	51.00	15.00
Bear Creek	L. H. Greene	16	274	1.85	5.00	10.00	24.40	5.00	68.00	60.39
Lily Branch	John A. Gouge	2	132	1.31	....	5.00	5.00	...	50.00	33.00
Big Rock Creek	Anderson Sparks	..	94	.80	....	....	....	....	19.—	6.—
Mine Creek	Isaac Grindstaff	22	152	.55	....	5.—	....	....	30.—	50.—
Fork Mountain	Anderson Sparks	..	143	1.10	2.50	2.00	....	....	42.—	19.—
Big Meadows	E. A. Stamy	13	66	.60	...	....	...	....	.....	
Bakersville	L. H. Greene	3	129	2.—	76.16	51.27	5.—	1.92	250.—	133.—
Silver Chapel	J. C. Thomas	5	101	.80	....	3.—	2.50	6.—	40.—	
Grassy Creek	S. M. Greene	21	171	1.45	....	....	....	....	77.50	16.—
Green Valley	E. M. Johnson	..	53	.90	...	....	....	....	36.—	15.—
Pleasant Hill	E. M. Johnson	9	157	1.50	....	....	....	10.00	81.80	749.—
McKinney Cove	C. H. McKinney	..	63	.70	....	3.—	....	....	25.—	792.—
Cane Creek	S. M. Greene	..	207	1.55	5.—	....	....	...	54.—	21.—
Beaver Creek	Yates Sparks	5	58	.50	....	2.50	2.50	....	10.75	14.—
Whiteoak	Anderson Sparks	..	90	.60	....	5.—	...	....	24.27	
Cub Creek	Anderson Sparks	6	99	.50	....	....	....	....	33.—	8.—
Roaring Creek	S. A. Hughes	1	126	1.30	....	....	...	....	14.90	12.30
Spruce Pine	S. M. Greene	8	102	1.50	60.—	18.—	5.—	...	60.—	256.21
Hensons Creek	J. Y. Sparks	..	28	.50	2.50	2.50	....	....	15.76	7.40
Cranberry	D. A. Greene	19	72	2.—	5.—	10.—	5.—	2.84	72.—	104.—
Aaron	L. C. Wilson	..	29	.60	....	2.00	2.00	....	62.00	104.50
Elk Park	J. M. Stout	5	37	.50	....	....	....	....	100.00	3.00
Pepper's Creek	R. Pitman	22	65	1.20	....	...	....	....	30.85	
Spring Creek	J. W. Putman	..	31	.70	2.00	....	....	....	36.00	13.00
Gouge's Chapel	J. W. Putman	5	45	.50	...	..	....	....	40.00	
Yellow Mountain	S. M. Greene	..	77	...	5.00	10.00	5.00	....	60.00	87.30
Pinola	L. C. Wilson	5	41	1.00	....	....	....	....	...	6.24

RECORD OF THE MITCHELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Year.	With What Church.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Preacher of Annual Sermon.	Month of Meeting.
1884	Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene	J. W. Putnam	L. H. Greene	Sept. 14
1885	Little Rock Creek	S. M. Greene	do	T. H. McCoury	Sept. 12
1886	Toe River	L. H. Greene	S. M. Collis	S. M. Collis	Sept. 7
1887	Elk Park	S. M. Collis	Wm. G. Buchanan	S. M. Greene	Aug. 18
1888	Mine Creek	J. W. Duncan	S. M. Greene	E. Buchanan	Aug. 16
1889	Grassy Creek	J. W. Duncan	do	J. C. Sparks	Aug. 13
1890	Aaron	S. M. Greene	Wm. G. Buchanan	W. H. Ollis	Sept. 25
1891	Fork Mountain	J. C. Sparks	D. W. Greene	L. H. Greene	Sept. 24
1892	Big Rock Creek	Wm. G. Buchanan	J. W. Putnam	W. A. Roberson	Sept. 22
1893	Big Meadows	S. M. Greene	do	J. W. Putnam	Aug. 31
1894	Roan Mountain	L. H. Greene	S. M. Greene	L. H. Greene	Aug. 30
1895	Lily Branch	L. H. Greene	D. W. Greene	J. W. Putnam	Aug. 27
1896	Mt. Pleasant	S. M. Greene	do	G. P. Bostic	Sept. 3
1897	Little Rock Creek	do	do	S. M. Greene	Sept. 16
1898	Bear Creek	do	do	P. J. Shell	Sept. 15
1899	Yellow Mountain	do	do	T. M. Honeycutt	Sept. 14
1900	Bakersville	do	do	A. E. Brown	Sept. 13
1901	Liberty Hill	do	do	J. B. Nagle	Sept. 12
1902	Cane Creek	do	do	J. W. Duncan	Sept. 16
1903	Aaron	do	W. F. Dodson	L. H. Greene	Sept. 15
1904	Roan Mountain	do	do	T. M. Reid	Sept. 13
1905	Roaring Creek	do	do	A. E. Brown	Sept. 12
1906	Bear Creek	do	do	J. W. Duncan	Sept. 11
1907	Grassy Creek	do	do	L. H. Greene	Sept. 10
1908	Silver Chapel	do	do	S. M. Greene	Sept. 17
1909	Bakersville	do	do	A. E. Brown	Sept. 16
1910	Pleasant Hill	L. H. Greene	D. W. Greene	J. C. Blalock	Sept. 15

ANNUAL REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Schools.	Superintendent.	Post-office.	Officers & Teachrs.	Scholars.	Average attendance.	Months kept open.
Bakersville	M. L. Wilson	Bakersville	13	137	80	12
Mine Creek	Isaac Grindstaff	Toecane	7	90	75	9
Spring Creek	Marshel Brinkley	Magnetic City	5	40	35	5
Pleasant Hill	S. B. Braswell	Frank	10	150	110	12
Pinola	Otta Vance	Saginaw	7	115	75	12
Little Rock Creek	W. D. Wilson	Glen Ayre	4	70	...	...
Roaring Creek	R. T. Lewis	Valley	8	110	70	12
Hensons Creek	W. A. Buchanan	Spear	6	45	30	12
Aaron	W. S. Sudderth	Montezuma	8	70	40	...
Lily Branch	D. T. Fortner	Wing	6	50	40	12
Liberty Hill	W. A. McKinney	Estatoe	6	60	45	12
Bear Creek	Milton Buchanan	Ledger	8	75	50	12
Fork Mountain	D. M. Cook	Little Rock Creek	7	65	40	6
Crossnore	G. M. Johnson	Crossnore	6	100	75	12
Spruce Pine	L. A. Berry	Spruce Pine	8	100	68	12
Silver Chapel	Mrs. D. P. Chandler	Bandana	7	100	75	12
Beaver Creek	J. W. Pitman	Spruce Pine	5	50	50	12
Green Valley	J. A. Weatherman.	Ingalls	6	50	35	9
McKinney Cove	J. L. McKinney	Bakersville	4	75	54	12

MINUTES

OF

First Annual Session

OF

Roan-Grandfather Mountain Association

THE ORIGINAL

Roan Mountain Association

HELD WITH

Spruce Pine Baptist Church

ON

SEPTEMBER 14, 15, 16, 17, 1911.

AT

SPRUCE PINE, NORTH CAROLINA.

OFFICERS

L. H. Greene	Moderator
R. T. Teague	Clerk
D. J. English	Treasurer

Next session to be held with Cane Creek Baptist Church, beginning on Tuesday before the second Sunday in September 1912.

J. Woodville Hall to preach Introductory Sermon, L. H. Greene, Alternate.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

L. H. Greene	Bakersville.	E. A. Stamey	Altamont.
C. H. McKinney	Bakersville.	E. M. Johnson	Plumtree.
Isaac Grindstaff	Bakersville.	W. H. Ollis	Ingalls.
Troy Jones	Montezuma.	J. R. Waycaster	Estatoe.
J. W. Duncan	Spruce Pine.	J. R. Boone	Estatoe.
J. C. Blalock	Ledger.	S. M. Greene	Clarissa.
Anderson Sparks	Ledger.	W. S. Buchanan	Clarissa.
J. Y. Sparks	Ledger.	H. B. Buchanan	Glen Ayre.
J. C. Thomas	Bandana.	J. W. Putman	Magnetic City.
S. A. Hughes	Valley.	R. S. Hayes	Saginaw.
S. M. Pitman	Altamont.	William Gardner	Senia.

LICENTIATES

J. W. Carpenter - - - - - Hughes.

Executive Committee

E. H. Farthing, Chm. — M. C. Pannell, Sec. & Treas.
J. E. Burleson — L. A. Berry — R. T. Teague.
D. J. English — Ben Aldridge.

TRUSTEES MITCHELL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

Chas. E. Greene, Chm. — M. L. Wilson, Sec. & Treas.
S. J. Black — J. D. Braswell — W. F. Dodson
J. M. Peterson — Rev. L. H. Greene
W. A. Robinson — M. C. Pannell

PROCEEDINGS

Roan-Grandfather Mountain Baptist Association convened with Spruce Pine Baptist Church on Thursday, Sept. 14, 1911, at 10:30 A. M., in its first annual session. After singing and prayer by Bro. J. W. Duncan, the Moderator, L. H. Greene, called the body to order.

Bro. W. R. Bradshaw being absent Bro. S. M. Greene after reading 126th Psalm preached introductory sermon from John 12:11.

The session adjourned, on motion till 2 p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The session began with singing. Prayer was offered by Bro. A. Johnson. The Moderator called the Association to order then and declared it ready for organization. In absence of Clerk, J. M. Peterson was appointed clerk pro tem.

R. T. Teague and J. M. Peterson, the appointed reading clerks, read letters from 29 churches, which were enrolled with the following delagates:

Aaron—Harvey Ledford.
Bakersville—M. C. Pannell, J. W. Quinn, R. T. Teague.
Bear Creek—John Willis, Milton Buchanan.
Beaver Creek—W. M. Grindstaff, J. M. Grindstaff.
Big Rock Creek—Nat Gouge.
Burlesons Chapel---J. A. Sparks.
Cane Creek—F. G., A. E. and J. L. Buchanan, J. B. McKinney.
Cranberry—By letter.
Crossnore—Ben Aldridge.
Cub Creek—J. W. Winters, C. C. Cash.
Forbes Chapel—Gilbert Sparks, Monroe Yelton.
Fork Mt.—J. H. Childers, David McKinney.
Grassy Creek—J. M. Washburn, H. W. Willis, S. G. Quinn, R. M. Hall, S. W. Hollifield.
Green Valley—W. H. Ollis, J. A. Weatherman, P. F. Grindstaff, Mrs. Mary Ollis.
Liberty Hill—W. A. McKinney, T. L. Cox, S. W. Cox, S. M. Sparks. J. R. Boone.
Lily Branch—Phillip Wilson.
Little Rock Creek—H. B. Buchanan, W. H. Biddix, D. P. Thomas.
McKinney Cove—C. H. McKinney, Samuel McKinney.
Mine Creek---Isaac Grindstaff, Isaac McKinney.
Mt. Pleasant---E. M. Johnson.
Pinola---R. J. Hughes, E. H. Farthing.
Pleasant Hill---N. A. Buchanan.
Roan Mt.---S. M. Greene, W. S. Buchanan, D. J. English.
Roaring Creek---William Gardner.
Silver Chapel---T. B. Robinson, D. P. Chandler.
Spring Creek---J. W. Putnam, J. M. Francis.
Spruce Pine---L. A. Berry, Wm. Greene, R. B. Harrison, J. M. Peterson, J. E. Burleson, Whitfield Sparks.
White Oak---James Wilson.
Yellow Mt.---H. Sparks.

Newly constituted churches having been called for by the Moderator, Forbes Chapel Church was received and delegates welcomed to seats in the body.

On motions, Bro. A. Johnson cast the unanimous vote of the house for L. H. Greene as Moderator; and Bro. G. E. Lineberry, for R. T. Teague for clerk.

The Moderator gave an invitation to visiting brethern, when the following were recognized and welcomed to seats in the Association: A. Johnson representing our Orphanage; C. E. Maddry, Home Mission Board; G. E. Lineberry, Educational Secretary; Vivian G. Shearin, Tar River Association; C. G. Bryant, B. B. Riddle, W. D. Blalock, J. W. Hall and Jesse Blalock, Yancey Association; H. White, Indiana.

The following committees were then announced:

State Missions—L. A. Berry, L. Johnson.
Home Missions—C. E. Maddry, C. E. Greene, A. F. Sparks.
Foreign Missions—W. H. Ollis, J. A. Gouge, L. Johnson.
Education—J. M. Peterson, G. E. Lineberry, J. W. Hall.
Minister's Relief—Isaac Grindstaff, C. H. McKinney.
Temperance—J. W. Duncan, W. S. Buchanan.
Periodicals—A. Johnson, H. White.
Obituaries—D. P. Chandler, D. J. English.
Orphanage—J. Washburn, A. Johnson.
Womans Work—G. E. Lineberry, Mrs. Lucretia Young.
Preaching—J. M. Francis, J. A. Weatherman, Pastor and Delegates of Spruce Pine Church.
State and Churches—S. M. Greene, J. W. Hall.
Program—S. M. Greene, G. E. Lineberry, A. Johnson.
Nominations—J. R. Boone, J. E. Burleson, M. C. Pannell, M. Buchanan.
Time and Place—S. M. Greene, J. H. Sparks, C. M. McKinney, A. Buchanan.
Finance—John Washburn, D. J. English, D. P. Chandler.
Resolutions—S. M. Greene.
Destitutions—I. Grindstaff, J. E. Burleson, M. C. Pannell, L. A. Berry, Gilbert Sparks. The last-named committee was appointed on motion.

A partial report on order of business was adopted as follows:
3:30 Orphanage 7:30 Preaching by C. E. Maddry.

The report on orphanage was called for. As it was not ready, A. Johnson was allowed to speak to it.

A motion to adopt pledge system prevailed and pledges were taken.

An amended motion carried to meet at 9 a. m. to-morrow, spend 30 minutes in devotional services and resume business at 9:30.

THURSDAY EVENING

After singing and prayer by J. W. Hall, a strong, forceful, inspiring sermon was delivered by C. E. Maddry at 7:45 from Heb. 9--27. A graphic picture of the Final Judgment was given.

A collection of $6.79 was taken for the Orphanage and turned over to Bro. Johnson.

FRIDAY MORNING

The Association met again pursuant to adjournment. Devotional exercises were led by J. W. Hall, who read and commented upon the 103 Psalm. After prayer by G. E. Lineberry, the body was called to order by the Moderator.

A program was then adopted and given to the Moderator.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Bro. B. B. Riddle, a special representative from Yancey Association, requests this body to hold its next annual session the same week as Yancey, so that State representatives can attend both on one trip. The request was referred to committee on Time and Place.

The following resolution changing name of Association after being reconsidered and amended was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Association change its name from Mitchell County Association to Roan-Grandfather Mt. Association. S. M. Greene.

ORPHANAGE

Three hundred and fifty five children are under the care of our orphanage, safe and sound from the pitfalls of Satan, to which, without it, they would be exposed. More than 1200 children have been sheltered within its walls since the institution began its glorious career more than twenty five years ago.

The orphanage has always been administered with the utmost economy, seven dollars per month pays the expense of a child, and covers not only his board and clothes, but the salary of the employees as well. It requires $100 every day to meet the current expenses of the orphanage; but through all the year the Lord has sent the money necessary to pay its bills. The plant, including the invested fund, is estimated to be worth $250,000, and year by year new buildings add to the value. It is among all our Southern Orphan homes the second in size and equipment. Hundreds of Sunday Schools gave a monthly collection to the orphanage and none of them are the poorer for this good service. On last Thanksgiving day our people sent $10,000 to the treasury. These are the principle sources of our supply. We commend it to all our churches. Archibald Johnson.

The report was read by A. Johnson and adopted.

PERIODICALS

For more than 70 years the Biblical Recorder has stood for our principle and defended our faith. It has been our bond of unity and our source of inspiration. It has always jealously guarded our good name and faithfully sounded the alarm at approaching danger.

It is edited by a man from the mountains—a writer of signal ability clearness and force. Wherever the Recorder is read there is progress and prosperity. Its readers are people among us who do things. The man who takes no interest in his denominational paper takes none in the progress of the Lord's Kingdom.

Our pastors should endeavor to put the paper into the homes of their members, for its general circulation on any field means increasing interest in every department of the Lords work. It is a good assistant pastor and does a year's work for $1.50.

No Baptist home should be without the Recorder, which, next to the Bible, is our greatest agency of light and strength. A. Johnson.

Read by A. Johnson and spoken to by A. Johnson and C. E. Maddry. After subscriptions were taken for Recorder, the report was adopted

HOME MISSIONS

All missions are essentially one. We have for our convenience divided the work into various departments, and discuss it under various heads. But all missions, at home and abroad, are one. Any mission worthy the name, begins at once to make itself at home. Our marching orders are comprehended in the command of our Lord when He said, 'And ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth,' but you notice the order of the march was to begin at Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria for us means Home Missions. The Home Mission Board was organized in 1845, and now has work in all the Southern States, together with Cuba, Panama and Isle of Pines. The great problem before the Home Board and the Baptist churches of the South, is the enlistment and cooperation of all our people in the work of the convention. More than ten thousand churches in the South gave nothing last year for missions. Intensive cultivation is the order of the day in farming, and this is the supreme need of the

Southern Baptists. The extensive cultivation and development of the masses already gathered into the churches. The great task before the Home Board is making real and vital the religion of the Lord Jesus to every man and woman in the South. A great peril confronting us today is the horde of incoming foreigners. The millions of the old world are finding their way into service and are now beginning to come South. We must meet them with the open Bible and Christianize and evangelize them or they will heathenize and paganize us. Another problem confronting us is the saving and holding for the Lord Jesus, the rapidly growing towns and cities of the South. The cities are strongholds and centers of influence, from which there flow forth streams of influence to bless or curse the surrounding country. Let us take and hold the cities and towns of the South as centers of influence for our King.

The glorious history of achievement behind the Home Board should inspire every one to attempt greater things for Home Missions.

Especially do we rejoice in what the Board has accomplished in the department of mountain schools.

Charles E. Maddry, A. F. Sparks. Committee.

Read and spoken to by C. E. Maddry, pledges taken and adopted.

Bro. L. C. Cornwell, of the M. E. Church, was welcomed to a seat in the body.

On motion, the house adjourned till 2 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The session opened with singing and prayer by C. H. McKinney after which it was called to order.

The report on Time and place was read by S. M. Greene, spoken to by S. M. Greene, B. B. Riddle, J. M. Peterson and adopted as follows:

TIME and PLACE

Your committee on time and place of holding the next annual session of this body report as follows: Place, Cane Creek Church; Time, commencing on Tuesday before the second Sunday in September, 1912.

We, also, recommend that Rev. J. Woodville Hall preach the introductory sermon, and that Rev. L. H. Greene be his alternate.

J. H. McKinney
C. H. McKinney } Committee.
S. M. Greene

DESTITUTION

We, your committee on Destitution, respectfully submit the following: After taking the matter under consideration and looking over the territory covered by the bounds of this Association, we find that there is a large part of our territory that is entirely destitute of Baptist preaching; to wit: Red Hill, Bradshaw, Poplar, and part of Herrels townships. Therefore we recommend that this Association appoint and maintain a Missionary to travel and preach in the destitute places named. We further recommend that he make special efforts to organize churches at Newland, Linville City, Linville Falls and Altapass.

I. Grindstaff, H. G. Sparks, L. A. Berry,
J. E. Burleson, M. C. Pannell, Committee.

This report was read by M. C. Pannell, spoken to by J. E. Burleson, R. T. Teague, L. H. Greene and S. M. Greene, and adopted.

On motion, a committee of seven is appointed to recommend a Missionary for Destitute Field and to devise means for his support. They also form an Executive Board of the Association. The Moderator appointed the following committee: E. H. Farthing, Chm., M. C. Pannell, J. E. Burleson, L. A. Berry, R. T. Teague, D. J. English, Ben Aldridge.

EDUCATION

The special Committee on the Mitchell Collegiate Institute, beg leave to submit the following report: That by the untiring efforts of the Board of Trustees and the united efforts of the friends and patrons of said school have succeeded in building up a splendid institution which bids fair to become a center for the education of the youth of all the Roan-Grandfather Association; and that its influence for good will not be limited to Bakersville or Mitchell county, but will reach out and extend far beyond the borders of our beloved State.

The Institution is practically out of debt. There has been approximately $500 paid by the board of trustees this year. We have two well equipped dormitories. We have a splendid faculty under the direct supervision of Prof. Teague as principal, and the school has prospects that it has not hitherto enjoyed; and there is absolutely no reason why this wholesome exportation of our brightest and best boys and girls from our midst to Berea and elsewhere. Here at our own doors the very best advantages may be had, where the combined influence of the home and the school will blend and produce results utterly impossible elsewhere and under other circumstances.

We rejoice to know that all who have attended the Mitchell Collegiate Institute have been so well pleased with its work and equipment that invariably return and voluntarily wield their influence in inducing others to attend, especially since Prof. Teague has had charge.

Now, as all the available room is and has been occupied this committee recommend that this Association act in conjunction with the Home Mission Board and devise some way and means to secure the construction of some new buildings. Signed by the Committee,

J. M. Peterson, M. C. Pannell, S. J. Black.

Read by J. M. Peterson, spoken to by J. M. Peterson and G. E. Lineberry and adopted. The body, on motion, adjourned.

FRIDAY EVENING.

The choir sang inspiring songs for twenty minutes. Bro. L. Johnson then gave us a strong sermon from 1 Cor. 1:22-24, using as his theme, The Meaning of the Cross.

SATURDAY MORNING

Devotional exercises were led by L. Johnson. The house was then called to order.

STATE OF CHURCHES

Your chairman, who was appointed at the Association last year on the state of churches, submits the following report:

So far as his observation extends, he believes that the churches generally are on the up grade. There have been great revivals and many have been added to the churches. The spirit of liberality, he thinks, is on the increase. There have been more new churches been built and being built, or overhauled, than he knows of in any previous year, which, of course, diminishes our donations to the various objects of the Convention.

Your unworthy chairman believes that the great need now is for a more able and better equipped ministry to take charge of the churches to develop and lead them on to higher plains of usefulness, as there are but few pastors in this Association and most of them getting old and worn out. Brethern, pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His vineyard.

Respectfully submitted. S. M. Greene, Chm., J. W. Hall.

The report was read by S. M. Greene, spoken to by L. E. Burleson, S. M. Greene, L. Johnson, and G. E. Lineberry and adopted.

Being pressed for time the reports on State and Foreign Missions were called for at one time by the Moderator. They were read and spoken to by L. Johnson and adopted. After their adoption pledges were taken.

STATE MISSIONS

It may seem strange to those who do not know conditions in the State that there is still need for mission work within our bounds. Some sections are so well evangelized that there is no need of other churches; but in other sections there is yet great destitution. Only forty per cent of our people are church members, leaving sixty per cent unchurched.

Our State is making marvelous progress in material things. The value of our agricultural products has actually doubled within the last ten years. The value of farm lands has increased 150 per cent. We have built 1500 miles of new railroad. Ten years ago we had thirty one national banks with deposits amounting to $9,000,000; now we have 75 national banks and the deposits have increased to $35,000,000.

Just a little over one-third of our available land is under cultivation, leaving nearly two-thirds yet untouched. This shows how greatly our population is destined to increase in the near future.

But what progress are we making religiously? In seven of the sixteen States embraced within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Roman Catholics made a greater per centage of gain than the protestant, and North Carolina is one of these seven. North Carolina is the only State in the South whose religious growth did not keep pace with the increase of population.

While all other denominations gained but 13 per cent, according to the latest census report, the Baptist gained over 40 per cent, and this gain is due largely to the work of State Missions. The North Carolina that now is makes an urgent call to the State Mission Board, but the call is much more imperious when we consider the North Carolina that is to be

For the sake of our own State, and for the sake of a lost world, as it is to be affected by our State, let us press vigorously the work of State Missions.

Respectfully submitted, Livingston Johnson.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Never since the founding of Christ's Kingdom on the earth, have the opportunities for spreading that Kingdom been so great as they are today. During the last two decades the world has been shaken by war. These wars, deplorable as they were, have been overuled by God, for the advancement of His Kingdon. The walls that surrounded many heathen countries have been broken down, and the ideas of Christian countries are being adopted. This is especially true of China an Japan. Japan is the gate-way to China, and China is the great Gibralter of heathenism. These countries were never so ripe for the reception of the gospel as they are today. God is calling scores of our best young men and women to the work of Foreign Missions. All over the land these are rising up and saying, 'Here am I, send me.' The Christian world was never so able to send the Gospel to the heathen as they are today. Certainly our country has never enjoyed such an era of prosperity as that through which it is now passing. North Carolina raised for Foreign Missions last year $35,000. This year we are asked for $50,000. With no sacrifice at all, we could, if we would, raise $100,000 for Foreign Missions.

God help us to see and do our duty.

MISSIONARY

Your committee to recommend a Missionary for Destitution Field, and to devise means for his support submit the following report:

We recommend Rev. L. H. Greene as our Missionary; that the Association raise $300 toward his support; that pledges be taken for this work; that collections be taken at these destitute places for Associational Missions; that we ask the Board of State Missions for $300 on this work. E. H. Farthing, Chm., M. C. Pannell, Sec. & Treas.

The report was read by R. T. Teague, spoken to by R. T. Teague, W. D. Blalock, E. H. Farthing, S. M. Greene, L. Johnson, and G. E. Lineberry, adopted and pledges taken.

The following resolution was then unanimously adopted:

As many of our delegates have gone home, we earnestly urge that the churches, not now represented and hence not making pledges, take this matter up and make as liberal contribution as possible to Associational Missions. We further authorize and instruct the Clerk of this Association to call this matter to the attention of the churches whose delegates have gone home. S. M. Greene.

The body adjourned for dinner till 2:00 P. M.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After singing and prayer by W. S. Buchanan, the body was called to order.

NOMINATIONS

The committee on nominations for Trustees of Mitchell Collegiate Institute recommend; that the Association elect S. J. Black, M. L. Wilson, J. M. Peterson, and W. A. Robinson to succeed themselves; that M. C. Pannell be elected to succeed Mrs. Lucretia Young, whose term expires at this term of the Association; that L. H. Greene be elected to succeed E. M. Johnson, whose term has expired.

The report was adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK

Our good women in their Missionary Societies form the greatest agency in the South for collecting the small amounts for our benevolent objects and deepening the spiritual life of our churches. Last year for the different objects they raised about $250,000. Of this Foreign Missions received $127,900.47; Home Missions $83,850.15; Sunday Schools $1,219.38; Margaret Home, to take care of children of Missionaries $2,963; Training School at Louisville $5,907.95 to enlarge and endow that school, for scholarships $3,277.47. Besides this boxes valued at $13,000 was sent to Missionaries.

When the Foreign Mission Board was crippled with a debt of $90,000, these faithful women came to the rescue and when the Home Board was burdened with a debt of $85,000 they came to the rescue. Verily if Paul could pass through our Southland he might, instead of saying 'Help these women,' say to our women, help these men in their feeble efforts to advance our Lord's Kingdom.

But this is not their greatest work. God alone can know what they are doing to develop the spiritual life of our Southern womanhood. Not only are they developing their own members, but are influencing the religious education and activities of thousands of young women,

boys and girls. Through addresses, tracts, personal letters and well-rendered programmers they are doing a great work.

Meredith College, with its splendid course of study including the Bible and Missions and strong Christian influence is doing a great work in training our girls for the highest service. The Louisville training school is doing a great work in training not alone for work in foreign fields, but for homeland as well. These schools are furnishing trained workers for Missionaries in our Associations, our towns and cities, pastor's assistants, Sunday School workers, and, indeed, trained for any good work in which a woman may engage in uplifting a fallen race.

Last year in North Carolina our women raised $31,000 for the different Mission objects and are endeavoring to raise $35,000 this year.

In this Association we find only one Mission Society. Let us this year organize a society in every church. To this end we recommend that a special committee be appointed to look after this work.

Let every pastor and every member in the Association join heartily in this great movement.

Lucretia Young and G. E. Lineberry, Committee.

Read and spoken to by G. E. Lineberry and adopted.

The following committee was appointed by the Moderator: Mrs. S. J. Black, Mrs. Lucretia Young, L. A. Berry, Zeb Singleton, David Cook, David Dellinger, E. H. Farthing.

MITCHELL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

The committee on education submit the following report: That at the present and in the future, as in the past, it shall be the laudible ambition of the Roan-Grandfather Mountain Association to look well to the education of her youth. As population increases with the years, new enterprises spring up, new demands arise, and field of social and Christian endeavor grows broader. And whatever pursuit we enter an education is almost indispensible, as much so as was the Macidonian Phalanx to the success of Alexander, or the Tenth Legion to Caesar, or the Old Guard to Napoleon. There is no better place to begin the work of educating the young mind than in the home. A great deal depends upon the start. A good beginning counts much. Every home should be a kindergarden and every parent a tutor.

The Mitchell Collegiate Institute, an institution owned and maintained by the Baptist church, and within the reach of all and easily accessible, is making fair progress, is on a solid and substancial growth, and your committee earnestly recommends the unanimous support of all friends of Christian education and especially the Baptists of Roan-Grandfather Mountain Association; and if happily the boys and girls succeed in graduating at said institution, and the learning capacity and the yearning for knowledge increases, we would further recommend for the young men, Wake Forest College, and for the young women, Meredith College, both renounced institutions of learning and owned and controlled by the Baptist church.

J. M. Peterson,
G. E. Lineberry } Commmittee.
J. W. Hall

This report was read by J. M. Peterson. After speeches by J. M. Peterson, R. T. Teague, G. E. Lineberry and L. H. Greene it was adopted.

MINISTER'S RELIEF

Your committee on Ministerial relief submit the following report:

For some good reasons God has seen fit to leave among us a number of old ministers who have worn themselves out in the work and have come to old age without sufficient means of support. We are thankful that the churches have made it possible for the Board to supply a part of these needs of the aged saints who will soon be transferred to a place where all their wants will be met.

Therefore your committee recommends that an annual offering be taken each Christmas for the old ministers, making Christmas for them what Thanksgiving is for the Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted. I. Grindstaff)
C. H. McKinney) Committee.

Read by S. M. Greene, spoken to by L. Johnson and adopted.

TEMPERANCE

Your committee on temperance reports as follows:

The Bible teaches us to be temperate in all things. Temperance consists in a moderate use of anything that is good for mankind, while intemperance is a curse, especially the drinking of intoxicating liquors.

Therefore we advise our people to abstain from all its evils, and that we stand firm with regard to the prohibition laws and see that violators are punished. This is our duty.

J. W. Duncan and W. S. Buchanan, Committee.

The report was read and talked to by W. S. Buchanan and adopted.

The committee on Finance report that they have received $30.25 from the various churches for minutes, which has been turned over to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer made this report. which was adopted:

I have received for

Home Missions	$38.04
State Missions	45.87
Foreign Missions	19.77
Orphanage	9.37
Minister's Relief	1.00
Minute Fund	30.25

D. J. English, Treasurer.

The Treasurer's report was adopted.

The Clerk was authorized to have 500 copies of the minutes printed and distributed.

The following resolution passed unanimously: Resolved, that we return our sincere thanks to the good people of Spruce Pine for their many kindnesses and unbounded hospitality during our pleasant stay among them.

The Association at this hour adjourned to meet with Cane Creek Baptist Church on Tuesday before the 2d Sunday in Sept., 1912, at ten o'clock A. M.

L. H. Greene, Moderator.

R. T. Teague, Clerk.

PLEDGES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

CHURCHES.	Orphanage	Home Missions.	State missions.	For. Missions.	Ass. Missions.	Total.
Aaron	15	5	..	..	..	20
Bakersville	20	50	15	10	25	120
Bear Creek	8	10	5	10	15	48
Beaver Creek	2	2	.	..	..	4
Big Rock Creek	2	2	..	..	.	4
Burleson's Chapel	15	5	3	..	..	23
Cane Creek	6	5	5	5	5	26
Cranberry	5	..	5	..	..	10
Crossnore	5	2	2	2	4	15
Cub Creek	5	..	..	..	..	5
Forbes Chapel	1	..	..	..	.	1
Fork Mountain	2	..	..	..	.	2
Grassy Creek	10	5	5	2	.	22
Green Valley	5	5	3	..	.	13
Liberty Hill	3	3	5	3	3	17
Lily Branch	5	5	..	..	3	13
Little Rock Creek	5	2	5	.	.	12
McKinney Cove	3	2	2	2	2	11
Mine Creek	5	5	2	2	2	16
Mt. Pleasant	5	5	..	.	.	10
Pinola	8	4	2	1	5	20
Pleasant Hill	5	5	5	2	3	20
Roan Mountain	8	5	5	5	5	28
Roaring Creek	5	5	2	2	2	16
Silver Chapel	5	5	5	.	.	15
Spring Creek	1	2	..	.	.	3
Spruce Pine	20	10	15	5	25	75
White Oak	2	2	..	.	.	4
Yellow Mt	5	5	5	5	5	25

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT	POST OFFICE	Officers.	Scholars.	Average attendance.	Months kept open	Bap.
Aaron	W. M. Braswell	Montezuma	8	75	50	12	5
Bakersville	R. T. Teague	Bakersville	10	75	60	12	12
Bear Creek	Wilburn Young	Ledger	8	000	00	12	00
Beaver Creek	W. M. Grindstaff	Spruce Pine	6	000	00	00	00
Big Rock Creek	W. E. Miller	Herrell	5	40	35	12	00
Crossnore	Preston Johnson	Crossnore	6	75	60	9	7
Cub Creek	D. C. Hart	Toecane	8	100	60	12	00
Forbes Chapel	John Sparks	Herrell	7	40	35	12	6
Fork Mt	D. M. Cook	Little Rock Creek	7	40	35	16	00
Grassy Creek	J. M. Washburn	Mica	6	000	65	00	00
Green Valley	J. A. Weatherman	Ingalls	6	60	47	9	11
Liberty Hill	J. H. Buchanan	Estatoe	4	000	70	00	00
Lily Branch	D. W. Greene	Wing	5	60	45	12	00
Little Rock Creek	D. P. Thomas	Glen Ayre	5	60	00	00	00
McKinney Cove	R. E. Buchanan	Bakersville	9	60	39	9	00
Minneapolis	A. C. Pritchard	Minneapolis	7	80	45	9	7
Mt. Pleasant	J. W. Carpenter	Hughes	3	45	00	6	00
Pinola	R. O. Vance	Saginaw	7	50	30	12	10
Pleasant Hill	N. A. Buchanan	Pleasant Hill	6	101	00	00	00
Roan Mt	D. J. English	Clarissa	8	120	63	9	00
Roaring Creek	C. G. Oaks	- - - - - - -	8	110	00	00	00
Silver Chapel	S. J. Silver	Celo	6	80	50	12	3
Spruce Pine	W. M. Greene	Spruce Pine	6	100	80	12	2
Yellow Mt	Vesta Stafford	- - - - - - -	4	40	00	00	00

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	Baptisms.	Church Members.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Objects.
Aaron	J W Hall	6	40	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	85.00	138.10
Bakersville	L H Greene	6	126	2.05	10.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	108.49	784.25
Bear Creek	L H Greene	7	262	2.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	64.25	167.84
Beaver Creek		3	..	.65	2.00	4.75	2.00	7.00	13.65	5.25
Big Rock Creek	L H Greene	..	73	1.—	.....	.....	.....	.....	60.00	....
Cane Creek		28	...	2.00	5.00	8.00	2.30	.....	78.00	102.00
Cranberry	D A Greene	3	74	1.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	3.00	72.00	100.00
Crossnore	J W Hall	9	79	....	50	50	50	.....	40.00	322.35
Cub Creek	T Grindstaff	..	99	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.00	48.00
Forbes Chapel	C H McKinney	..	30	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	250.00
Fork Mt	L H Greene	7	162	95	....	.....	.....	.....	50.00	.....
Grassy Creek	S M Greene	..	165	1.00	4.37	4.38	4.37	4.38	65.00	.....
Green Valley	J W Hall	11	77	1.00	.....	1.67	2.50	1.60	60.00	10.—
Liberty Hill		21	135	85	7.00	7.00	7.00	.....	50.00	25.—
Lily Branch	J A Gouge	5	126	85	2.00	.. .	.....	.....	50.00	89.—
Little Rock Creek	C H McKinney	9	199	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	42.65	43.—
McKinney Cove	C H McKinney	7	68	1.00	.....	3.00.	.....	3.00	23.45	50.—
Mine Creek	J C Thomas	9	182	50	8.75	.....	.....	.....	63.00	.....
Minneapolis	J W Hall	16	41	...,	3.00	3.00	3.00	16.00	100.00	63.35
Mt. Pleasant	J W Hall	23	118	....	50	50	50	25	100.—	10.—
Pinola	J W Hall	16	57	60	1.—	1.—	1.—	1.—	72.—	112.78
Pleasant Hill	S M Greene	23	164	1.30	10.—	1.86	.....	5.—	93.01	508.97
Roan Mt	S M Greene	14	190	1.50	10.—	4.—	4.—	5.—	40.—	422.20
Roaring Creek	S A Hughes	22	126	1.30	.....	20.26	.....	.....	19.70	.....
Silver Chapel	Jesse Blalock	3	104	1.—	.....	.....	5.11	4.02	40.—	25.—
Spring Creek		..	33	75	.....	1.—	.....	.....	25.—	....
Spruce Pine	L H Greene	2	105	1.40	10.—	10.—	10.—	6.77	80.—	231.09
White Oak	J C Thomas	4	91	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	40.—	.....
Yellow Mt	S M Greene	11	77	1.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	35.60	222.29

MINUTES

of the

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

of the

ROAN MOUNTAIN

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

held with

CANE CREEK CHURCH, HAWK, N. C.,

September 3, 4 and 5, 1912.

S. M. GREEN.....Moderator.
W. F. DODSON.....Clerk.
J. H. PHILLIPS.....Treasurer.

Next session to be held with Fork Mountain Baptist Church, beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1913.

S. M. Greene to preach Introductory Sermon. A. B. Smith, Alternate.

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OFFICERS.

Rev. S. M. Greene, Moderator.....Clarissa, N. C.
W. F. Dodson, Clerk.....Bakersville, N. C.
J. H. Phillips, Treasurer.....Wing, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

R. T. Teague, Chairman; M. C. Pannell, Secretary; L. F. Burleson, Newton Young, J. E. Burleson, Robert Buchanan, L. A. Berry.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

A. B. Smith.....Bakersville.
L. H. Greene.....Bakersville.
C. H. McKinney.....Bakersville.
Isaac Grindstaff .....Bakersville.
J. W. Duncan.....Spruce Pine.
J. C. Blalock.....Ledger.
Anderson Sparks .....Ledger.
J. Y. Sparks.....Ledger.
J. C. Thomas.....Bandana.
J. R. Waycaster.....Estatoe.
J. R. Boone.....Estatoe.
S. M. Greene.....Clarissa.
W. S. Buchanan.....Clarissa.
H. B. Buchanan .....Glen Ayre.
J. W. Putman.....Magnetic City.

TRUSTEES MITCHELL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

A. B. Smith.....3 years.
J. H. Phillips.....3 years.
L. A. Berry.....3 years
L. H. Green.....2 years.
M. C. Pannell.....2 years.
S. J. Black.....2 years.
M. L. Wilson, Secretary and Treasurer.....1 year.
J. D. Braswell.....1 year.
W. F. Dodson.....1 year.

This is the 19th Association our Moderator has presided over; attended 44 sessions not missing one. We offer challenge that no other pastor in North Carolina can come up to this standard of attendance.

All who know him love him; may his last days be his greatest.

W. F. DODSON, Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS.

HAWK, N. C., September 3, 1912.

The Association called to order, and prayer by Prof. E. L. Middleton.

The Roan-Grandfather Mountain Baptist Association met with Cane Creek Baptist Church.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Bro. A. D. Smith from 5th chapter and 23rd verse of Judges.

Motion carried, that we adjourn until 1:30 p. m.

Assignment of delegates read by Bro. S. M. Greene.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Opened by singing and prayer by Rev. Reuben Pittman.

The Moderator called the session to order. Received and read fifteen letters.

Moved and seconded, we call for newly constituted churches. Received none.

The election of Moderator and Clerk were taken by ballot resulting in the election of Rev. S. M. Greene as Moderator, and W. F. Dodson as Clerk.

Motion carried, that we invite visiting and corresponding delegates. Received Prof. E. L. Middleton, Sunday School Secretary of the State.

Rev. J. J. L. Sherwood of Three Forks, assistant.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

On State Missions—L. H. Green, E. L. Middleton, J. J. L. Sherwood.
On Home Missions—J. C. Thomas, Prof. R. T. Teague.
On Foreign Missions—M. L. Wilson, W. B. Smith.
On Education—R. T. Teague, J. H. Phillips.
Mitchell Collegiate Institute Trustees, Periodicals and Biblical Recorder—R. T. Teague, Reuben Pittman.
On Orphanage—S. M. Pittman, A. B. Smith.
On Woman's Work—L. A. Berry, S. J. Black.
On Ministerial Relief—J. M. Arnett, J. H. Phillips, H. B. Buchanan.
On Temperance—W. S. Buchanan, S. J. Black, W. Hall.
On State of Churches—J. C. Thomas, D. W. Greene.
On Nominations—M. L. Wilson, S. J. Black.
On Resolutions—C. C. Cook, M. L. Wilson.
On Revising the Ministerial Names—W. F. Dodson, S. M. Greene, L. H. Greene.
On Sunday Schools—E. L. Middleton.
Committee on Preaching—Pastor and Delegates of Cane Creek: Report that Rev. J. J. L. Sherwood preach the 4th at 11 a. m.
On Finance—Neal Wise, James Weatherman.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by E. L. Middleton and spoken to by Brother Middleton, after which it was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday school work of the State is hopeful. There seems to be a steady, healthful growth. Since 1905 we have grown from 1,290 schools to 1,858 in 1911—a gain of 568 or 44 per cent. in six years.

Since March, 1912, about seventy new schools have been organized.

During the same six years the membership has grown from 104,534 to 174,384—a gain of 69,750 or 67 per cent.

There now seems to be about 125 churches without schools. It seems it is practically impossible to secure schools in some of these.

The Normal Training is exceedingly hopeful. Nearly 2,000 were enrolled in North Carolina during the last Southern Baptist Convention year. Our people had only 686 diplomas May 1, 1911, but May 1, 1912, they hold 1,483 diplomas—a gain of 787 or 116 per cent in one year. This work will be pressed all the time. Each Association ought to emphasize the work.

Another matter of vital importance is Associational organization. A plan for this has been carefully worked out and tracts on the work will be furnished to all who wish it. These organizations will largely increase the efficiency of the work.

We believe we ought to have something definite before us for next year. We therefore recommend the following:

1. That our pastors and other workers make an earnest effort to enlist for the Sunday schools more of our church members.
2. That we try to keep all our Sunday schools during the whole year.
3. That we hold next year a Sunday School Convention. To do this the Moderator shall appoint a committee to arrange for this work. This committee shall also co-operate with the State Sunday School Committee and Secretary.
4. That we shall secure such literature as shall inform our people concerning the best methods and plans in Sunday school work. This literature can be secured without cost by applying to E. L. Middleton, Raleigh, N. C.
5. That we shall strive to make our schools greater factors in saving the lost of our communities.

E. L. MIDDLETON,
J. H. PHILLIPS,
Committee.

The following delegates were enrolled:

Bakersville—M. C. Pannell, R. T. Teague, S. J. Black, A. B. Smith, J. S. Poteet, M. L. Wilson.

Cane Creek—Fonds Buchanan, Bob Buchanan, C. H. Wise, John Burleson, S. P. Greene, J. J. Buchanan.

Grassy Creek—R. Pitman, W. H. McKinney.

Spring Creek—J. M. Francis, E. M. Street.

Roaring Creek—W. M. Gardner, Garrett Gouge.

Lilly Branch—J. H. Phillips, D. W. Greene.

Cranberry—W. C. Greene, L. J. Oaks.

Roan Mountain—S. M. Greene, W. S. Buchanan, W. J. Wilson, A. Green, S. N. Young, R. M. Wilson.

Fork Mountain—David McKinney.

Silver Chapel—L. Burleson.

Spruce Pine—L. A. Berry, R. A. Reed, W. M. Greene, Zeb Buchanan.

Mine Creek—E. Johnson, H. G. Grindstaff, Med. McNeill.

Little Rock Creek—H. B. Buchanan, D. P. Thomas, W. H. Biddix, W. M. Ellis, W. D. Engle, Cain Freeman, J. W. Buchanan.

White Oak—J. J. Buchanan, J. L. Wilson, R. G. Wilson.
Liberty Hill—T. L. Cox.
Bear Creek—Milton Buchanan, Wilburn Young, J. Y. Sparks, A. F. Sparks.
Beaver Creek—M. C. Thomas.
Henson Creek—J. M. Greene, Lem Greene.
McKinney Cove—A. A. Ellis.

Motion carried, that Brother J. H. Phillips be elected Treasurer.
Motion carried, we adjourn until 9 a. m., on the 4th.

SECOND DAY SESSION.

September 4, 1912.

The Association met at 9 a. m. with Moderator in the chair.

Devotional service conducted by Rev. S. M. Greene. The session was called to order and Minutes read and approved.

Moderator called for letters. Received five which were read.

The exoneration of Brother W. Hall was unanimous.

Moved and seconded, we grant the fifteen churches, to-wit: Elk Fork, Cranberry, Mount Pleasant, Pleasant Hill, Aaron, Crossmore, Big Meadows, Green Valley, Ye'low Mountain, Pinola, Roaring Creek, Henson's Creek, Oak Grove, Linville, letters as a whole for organizing a new Association in Avery County.

Motion carried, that we change the name of the Association back to Roan Mountain.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by M. L. Wilson:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

When Jesus was preparing to leave this world He made preparation for the perpetuation of His work on earth in the hearts of men, by constituting a society of living persons, bound together by a three fold cord; the strands of which are faith in Jesus Christ, love one for another, and benevolent and energetic solicitude for the evangelization of the world of mankind. The third strand in the cord which Jesus used, world-wide evangelization, is what we mean by Foreign Missions. Our authority for paying our money for the support of Foreign Mission work, and for loving Foreign Missions, and for praying for Foreign Missions, and for denying ourselves to carry, and to send the gospel to the heathen, is our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and His Spirit which He puts into us who love Him. The Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845, immediately constituting its Board of Foreign Missions and organizing its Foreign Mission work. Of course, our work began on a small scale; our God blessed us in this work, and blessed the work from its beginning, and the work has grown, from only a few thousand dollars and two or three missionaries the first years to its present magnificent proportions.

Last year—1911-'12, Southern Baptists gave for Foreign Missions, cash $580,408,17, doing work in seven great countries of the world, to-wit: Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Italy, Africa, Japan and China. We now have on these fields 271 missionaries with 577 native workers, making a total

of 848 workers; 342 churches with 24,689 members and 4,300 baptisms reported last year; 422 Sunday schools with 14,562 scholars; 227 schools with 6,156 students. Of these schools nine are Women's Training Schools with 312 students and ten are Theological schools with 245 students. Besides those we have six hospitals and thirteen dispensaries, in which 51,796 patients were treated last year. Besides, we have four publishing plants sending out to those pagan and heathen people millions of pages of religious literature in their own tongues. The Southern Baptist Convention asks the churches to give $618,000.00 for Foreign Missions this year, 1912-'13; of this North Carolina's apportionment is $50,000.00.

Every family in this Association should take and read The Foreign Mission Journal and be thrilled with its messages of truth. Tracts and Leaflets on all phases of the work can be had for the asking, write to Dr. R. J. Willingham, Richmond, Va.

The 1912 Convention authorized the Foreign Mission Board to raise $1,250,000.00 as an equipment fund in honor of the Judson Centennial; this fund to be raised during the next three years, and to be entirely extra of our annual offerings to the Foreign Mission work.

Your committee desire earnestly to insist that our people subscribe for and read The Foreign Mission Journal to get information about Foreign Missions. The Journal is a monthly, cost thirty-five cents per year for single subscriptions, clubs of ten to one address twenty-five cents each. Write The Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. WILSON, Chairman,
REV. A. B. SMITH,
Committee.

Spoken to by Rev. A. B. Smith, after which it was adopted.

Adjourned until 11 a. m. for preaching by J. J. L. Sherwood from 2nd chapter of Ephesians and the 8th and 9th verses.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the body.

Invitations were extended and F. B. Hamrick, of the Orphanage, responded.

The report on Education was read by Prof. R. T. Teague, and spoken to by the Chairman:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

"In His Holy Word."

God hath said, "Train up a child," and "Add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge." Children are entrusted to parents for training. Every true parent owes to his child the best education that is possible for him to give it. The great command includes teaching. "Teach all nations," it says, and "Teach them to observe all things."

We rejoice that the Baptists of this Association have such excellent facilities for efficient training—Mitchell Collegiate Institute, notwithstanding its hard struggles, downfalls and disappointments has furnished to this county three-fourths of her leading men, it prepares boys for Wake Forest, girls for Meredith, and all for the practical duties of life. Under its present management it has taken on new life.

We recommend that all Baptists of this Association patronize it.

We further recommend to those prepared to enter, Wake Forest for our boys and Meredith for our girls. Respectfully submitted,

R. T. TEAGUE,
J. H. PHILLIPS, Committee.

Report adopted.

Report on Orphanage was read by A. B. Smith and spoken to by F. B. Hamrick.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage is twenty-seven years old, has four hundred acres of land near the town of Thomasville and a farm of twelve hundred acres in the county of Lenoir, near the town of Kinston. We now have room for four hundred children. Last year the average was three hundred and seventy-one, but with the completion of the West Chowan building, we can reach the four hundred mark.

We have had no better year for health and our ranks have not been broken by a single death. The school work has not been interrupted by any epidemics or calamities, consequently, we have had perhaps the best school year in our history.

The contributions for the year, everything considered, were the best we have ever had. Owing to the drought last year we had the worst crops we have had for years. The farm lost money. But the crop prospect for this year is very good.

Bad crops, the high cost of living, and some expensive improvements during the year have brought us into debt. These improvements, notably the new kitchen and new laundry have brought great relief. Where life was almost intolerable, work is now a delight.

The Kennedy gift is to be an arm of the Orphanage without multiplying its machinery of administration. It simply means enlargement and calls for more and larger gifts—more for current fund and larger gifts for buildings. We urge that those who have large means build memorials that will shelter needy children. Several new dormitories are needed at the Kennedy Home at once.

At Thomasville the great need is an auditorium and some enlargement in the school building. The enlargement is not keeping pace with the increasing calls of distress; fifty a month are asking to be admitted. Nine-tenths of these have to be turned away for lack of room and means. Here a warning and suggestion. Too many mothers, in good health, are urging their children on the Orphanage. They need assistance, but their home churches and communities ought to help hold these little families by a little timely aid. The Orphanage can never care for all of these. This ought to be discussed in our churches.

We want to repeat the old plan:—a collection once a month in every Sunday school, a club of Charity and Children (in clubs of ten or more to one address sixty cents a copy) and a Thanksgiving offering in every church. Pastors who have more than one church might arrange these services on different Sundays. And also, a number of individuals, especially among business men, might be induced to make a regular monthly offering to the Orphanage, as regularly as they settle their own grocery bills. The circle of givers must be enlarged.

We call attention to the Orphanage job department. This ought to become a source of revenue as well as a means of training boys.

Owing to the pressure of the enlarging work some of us who attend Associations cannot go so frequently as usual, but we know the Orphanage is on the hearts of the people and that the cause of the children will not

suffer in the Associations though no representative be there to speak in their behalf. Respectfully submitted,

A. B. SMITH,
F. B. HAMBRICK,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Pledges were taken.

Collection from Roan Mountain Association $8.89.

Report on State Missions was read by L. H. Greene:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions is fundamental in our denominational activities. Whenever this great work prospers we find all other interests successful.

The work has been very successful in the past and this year we are undertaking larger things than ever before in our history.

We are working on a basis of $50,000.00 for this Convention year. Of this amount about $8,000.00 is used as Associational Missions. The good women of our Missionary Societies are giving about $5,000.00 a year and this is used in aiding mission churches in building their church houses. The remainder is used for expenses and for aiding in over 300 churches with about 150 Missionaries.

By reference to our State Convention annual we will find the splendid results set forth in the report of the Board.

There are crying needs from our manufacturing centers, from many country fields, from our educational centers and many strategic points in our cities.

We urge our churches to pledge and give liberally for this object. Let the churches keep in close touch with Brother Livingston Johnson and secure from him necessary tracts for information on the subject.

L. H. GREENE,
J. J. L. SHERWOOD,
Committee.

Spoken to by L. H. Greene and J. J. L. Sherwood and adopted.

Report on Temperance was read by W. S. Buchanan:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance reports as follows:

The Bible teaches us to be temperate in all things. Temperance consists in a moderate use of anything that is good for mankind, while intemperance is a curse, especially the drinking of intoxicating liquors.

Therefore we advise our people to abstain from all its evils, and that we stand firm with regard to the prohibition laws and see that violators are punished. This is our duty. Respectfully submitted,

W. S. BUCHANAN,
Committee.

Spoken to by C. C. Cook and adopted.

Moderator appointed the delegates of Fork Mountain, Lilly Branch, C. C. Cook to decide the place of holding the next session and the preacher of the Introductory sermon:

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

We your Committee on Time and Place, report the next session will convene with Fork Mountain Baptist church commencing on Thursday

before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1913. Rev. S. M. Greene to preach the introductory sermon; A. B. Smith, Alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. PHILLIPS,
MOSES McKINNEY,
T. C. GREENE,
DAVID McKINNEY,
C. C. COOK, Committee.

The report on Ministerial Aid was read by J. H. Phillips:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL AID.

The Baptist Ministers Relief Board has been in existence 22 years.

The object of this Board is to afford aid and relief to needy Baptist ministers of North Carolina and their widows.

There are at present thirty-five beneficiaries. But there are several applications before the Board, showing that the gradual increase of the number of beneficiaries will continue. These beneficiaries receives from forty to two hundred dollars a year. Many of them need more. Some of them have no means of support except the amount they receive from the Board. It should be the desire and effort of every Baptist of the State that not one of those who have been worthy proclaimers of God's truth should suffer for the actual necessities of life. All money for this Board should be sent to the Treasurer of the Convention.

Applications for aid must receive the endorsement of the Moderator and Executive Committee of the Association in which the applicant resides, and also of the pastor of the one applying for aid. To entitle a minister or his widow to help from this Board, he must be a Baptst minister of North Carolina, or if not a native, he must have served as pastor or evangelist for five years prior to his application. The applicant is required to inform the Board of his physical or mental disability for active service; of what private means of support he or his wife has, and as to what amount will supply his actual necessities. In most cases the Board is entirely dependent upon the Pastor, the Moderator and the Executive Committee for information concerning applications. The brethren should always investigate before giving their endorsement. In many cases those who are most worthy and most needy do not apply. The pastors and officers of the Association where these old brethren live, should look after them and inform the Board of their condition. The work of the Board has been most highly appreciated by those who have received its benefits.

We further recommend that every church in our Association take a collection for this cause on the nearest Sunday to Christmas, so that the blessings of a generous gift may bring gladness and joy to our aged ones.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. ARNETTE,
W. M. GARDNER,
H. B. BUCHANAN,
Committee.

Spoken to by J. M. Arnette and adopted.

Motion carried to adjourn until 8:30 a. m.

THIRD DAY SESSION.

September 5, 1912.

Met according to adjournment.

Opened by singing and prayer by Rev. J. M. Arnette.

Moderator called the session to order.

Reading of Cub Creek letter.

Moved and carried, we invite Bro. J. M. Arnette, Corresponding Secretary of Ministerial Aid.

Collection was taken for Ministerial Aid, $5.06.

Report of Trustee of Mitchell Collegiate Institute was read by M. L. Wilson:

REPORT ON MITCHELL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

Your Trustees for the Mitchell Collegiate Institute submit the following report: That there has been enrolled for the past year 120 in regular work; 36 in Normal making a total of 156. Cost to attend a year $60 to $90, including music. This school prepares boys for Wake Forest, and girls for Meredith and all for the practical duties of life. In the past this school has had failures and discouragements, but with these, it has furnished three times as many men and women to the Association and to the world than all other schools in the Association combined.

With Professor Teague as principal, it has been clearly demonstrated that the school is under the best management it has ever been by far. His ability and readiness to properly and safely guide every phase of the work in the dormitories and school cannot be excelled. His ability to buy supplies for and run the dormitory brings the cost of board to the minimum. He is greatly aided by the generous merchants of Bakersville, especially L. Wilson who furnishes supplies at actual cost.

We now have a new school building nearing its completion. This building has five class rooms, two society halls, a library and an auditorium, when completed will furnish accommodation for all the boys and girls who will come. For this building the Home Board furnished $2,000 and the people of the Association are to furnish $2,000. The people in and around Bakersville have paid and pledged about $1,700. $300 are yet to be raised. There was room enough without this building to accommodate the boys and girls in Bakersville, but the people there have raised $1,700 of the $2,000 for children outside Bakersville. Will the people outside raise the other $300?

After this is done we must seat the auditorium. This is necessary that your children attend chapel and for entertainments.

We claim there is no better and efficient work done anywhere in a school of this grade. The teachers prepared here are the most thorough of any in the two counties in the Association, and why do our boys and girls go to Berea and Burnsville? The answer is because they have not gone to Professor R. T. Teague for one month. These schools do not get them after he has had them. With these facts before us is it not the duty of the Baptist of this Association to use every effort to enlist them in our own school? All we now need to make Mitchell Collegiate Institute the best school in the Western part of the State is the hearty cooperation of the Baptist people of this Association. The school opened this year with twice the number last year.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. WILSON, Sec'y--Treas.,
W. F. DODSON,
L. H. GREENE,
S. J. BLACK,
M. C. PANNELL,
J. M. PETERSON,
Committee.

Spoken to by Prof. R. T. Teague, S. J. Black, L. H. Greene and A. B. Smith.

Bro. J. M. Arnette gave $1.00 to apply to the School Building.

The following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

1. Be it Resolved, That this Association now in session does earnestly request the various churches which constitute this Association to appoint only such delegates as will come to our sessions and stay until the session is closed. Furthermore, we ask that the roll be not called until the 3rd day, and if said delegates do not stay and help transact such business as their respective churches send them to do that their names be not entered on the Minutes. We see very clearly the lack of interest manifested that we think should be in this great work for our Master.

Resolved, That the ministers of the different churches in this Association call the attention of these two needs to their respective churches and take collection for each during September and October.

Resolved, That the Roan Mountain Association ask the several churches constituting this body to pledge the same amounts this year that they did last, and urge that the several churches give the same or rather increase in this great work.

Resolved, That the Roan Mountain Association in Convention assembled do hereby put ourselves on record as being utterly opposed to the shipment of intoxicating liquors into our State and request the Clerk of this body to instruct our representatives in Congress to do all in their power to give us the Shepherd-Kenyon bill. R. T. TEAGUE.

Motion carried that Rules of Decorum be read at our next Association.

Motion carried, that the ad of Mitchell Collegiate Institute be printed on back of Minutes.

Motion carried, that Sunday School Convention money of $6.00 be paid to Clerk of the Association, and that their Minutes be added to ours.

Report on Nominations was read by M. L. Wilson:

NOMINATIONS FOR MITCHELL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

Your Committee on Nominations submit the following:

For Trustees Mitchell Collegiate Institute: Rev. A. B. Smith, Chairman, 3 years; J. H. Phillips, 3 years; L. A. Berry, 3 years; Rev. L. H. Greene, 2 years; M. C. Pannell, 2 years; S. J. Black, 2 years; M. L. Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer, 1 year; J. D. Braswell, 1 year; W. F. Dodson, 1 year.

For Executive Committee—R. T. Teague, Chairman, L. F. Burleson, M. C. Pannell, Secretary, Newton Young, J. E. Burleson, L. A. Berry, Bob Buchanan.

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. WILSON, Chairman,
S. J. BLACK, Committee.

Report on Home Missions was read by Prof. R. T. Teague:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board was organized in 1845. It works in sixteen Southern States, Cuba, Panama, and the Isle of Pines.

The apportionment of the Board for the past year was $400,000.00 $366,-050.00 was received.

The number of workers of the Board this year is 1,309. They preached the gospel in 2,368 communities. Of these workers 269 are employed by the Board independently of other Baptist agencies, and 1,140 are employed in co-operation with these agencies.

There have been 26,899 baptisms, and a total addition to the churches of 47,728 members. 201 churches have been organized, and 234 houses of worship have been built or remodeled. There are eighty-two workers among people of foreign speech, twenty-one in Cuba, and sixteen among the Indians.

Twenty-nine mountain schools, one of which, the Mitchell Collegiate Institute, is in our Association, are being maintained, and in them are 4,636 students and 142 teachers. Seventy-five students are young preachers, and during the year 267 converts were baptized among the students of these schools. The value of this school property is $500,000. These schools are doing a great work to train the youth among the mountain population of 3,334,000 who live in an area of 76,000 square miles in seven Southern states. Half the membership among the mountain people are Baptists, and this splendid system of schools of the Home Board is the most extensive and successful system of Christian schools in operation among the highland people.

The grand achievements of the Home Board ought to inspire us to attempt greater things for Home Missions. May God help us to do our duty.

Respectfully submitted,
R. T. TEAGUE,
J. C. THOMAS,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Report on Time and Place of next session was read and adopted.

Report of Finance Committee was read and adopted:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance report that they have received $19.60 from the various churches for Minutes which has been turned over to the Treasurer.

I have received for

Home Missions	$ 25.95
State Missions	11.29
Foreign Missions	18.00
Orphanage	26.42
Ministerial Relief	5.06
Minute Fund	19.60
	$ 106.32

J. H. PHILLIPS, Treasurer.

PLEDGES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

CHURCHES.	Orphanage.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Total.
Bakersville	$20.00	$50.00	$25.00	$25.00	$ 2.00	$ 3.00	$ 125.00
Bear Creek	8.00	15.00	10.00	15.00	.....	.....	48.00
Beaver Creek	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.00
Big Rock Creek	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.00
Cane Creek	6.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	21.00
Cub Creek	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Forbes Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fork Mountain	5.00	3.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	10.00
Grassy Creek	10.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	.....	.....	22.00
Liberty Hill	4.00	3.00	5.00	3.00	.....	.....	15.00
Lily Branch	4.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	19.00
Little Rock Creek	5.00	2.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	12.00
McKinney Cove	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	9.00
Mine Creek	5.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	14.00
Roan Mountain	8.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	23.00
Silver Chapel	3.00	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	13.00
Spring Creek	1.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Spruce Pine	20.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	.....	.....	50.00
White Oak	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.50	2.50	11.00
Black Mountain	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00

Motion carried, that Rev. L. H. Greene make his report and hand it to the Clerk.

Motion carried, that the Clerk have 400 copies of Minutes printed.

Report of Executive Committee, R. T. Teague, Chairman, L. F. Burleson, M. C. Pannell, Secretary, Newton Young, J. E. Burleson, Robert Buchanan and L. A. Berry, was read and adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Moderator called the session to order.

Report on Periodicals was read by Prof. R. T. Teague and spoken to by M. L. Wilson and Rev. W. B. Smith.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

It is estimated that there are 75,000 Baptist homes in the State. Apart from their inestimable need of the help the Recorder would be to them if they all received and read it, do not a larger number of these homes owe a debt of gratitude to the Recorder for service rendered which should arouse them to feel interested in giving it a wider range of service by opening their doors to its weekly visits?

As great as is its present power for good, it can never do its best work for the Kingdom of our Lord until we shall make it possible for it to carry its blessings to a greater number of people. At least half of our Baptist families should read it, and feel it to be a household necessity. This would enable the publishers to render even better service, and add to the strength of denominational life beyond conception.

The Recorder makes appeals for every claim of Christianity. It teaches the people, in a masterful way, the great doctrines and principles of New Testament Christianity. Let us urge its merit of patronage before the people. Let us make its appeal before the non-reading Baptist host of North Carolina.

We earnestly recommend that all pastors and present readers of the Recorder make a strenuous effort to double its circulation in the Association during the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,
R. T. TEAGUE,
R. PITTMAN, Committee.

Report adopted.

Report on Woman's Work was read by S. J. Black:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The good women in their Missionary Societies do a great and good work in our State for collecting money for our benevolent objects in our churches. The collection for the various purposes is not their greatest work. They are doing a great work in helping to bring and develop a spiritual life in our young and rising womanhood. Not only are they developing their own household but they are reaching out and lending a helping hand to thousands of young women, by aiding them in an education and Christian life.

We recommend that our Association join in helping in this great work.

We recommend that the pastors of our churches and Sunday School Superintendents find more work for the women in their churches and Sunday schools.

Respectfully submitted,
L. A. BERRY,
S. J. BLACK,
Committee.

Spoken to by S. J. Black and adopted.

An invitation was extended to W. L. Lambeth to a seat with us.

Donation of $8.65 to Bro. S. M. Greene.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION.

That the Roan Mountain Association now in session do hereby tender to Cane Creek church and its members their high appreciation of the manner in which they have so highly entertained us while in their homes. May the richest blessings of the Great Master ever be with them.

Motion carried, that we adjourn to meet with Fork Mountain Baptist Church on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1913.

S. M. Greene, *Moderator.*
W. F. Dodson, *Clerk.*

TABLE I—FINANCIAL.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairs.	Incidentals.	Sunday School Expenses.	The Poor.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Colleges and Schools.	Ministerial Education.	Aged Ministers.	Other Objects.	Total.
Bakersville	$ 400.00	$.....	$46.00	$18.40	$.....	$25.40	$22.32	$50.51	$15.91	$20.01	$1700.00	$ 2.25	$ 2.25	$ 2.60	$ 2284.65
Bear Creek	68.66	.....	1.25	.....	.....	15.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	.....	.....	.....	121.70	239.51
Beaver Creek	10.80	.....	50	10.00	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.30
Cane Creek	66.00	.....	1.45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47.45
Cranberry	144.00	.....	1.50	.....	.....	11.00	5.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	9.00	175.50
Cub Creek	24.00	80.02	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	104.62
Fork Mountain	25.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....	2.35	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	3.50	32.85
Grassy Creek	64.70	.....	.....	8.00	4.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22.00	99.22
Liberty Hill	42.00	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	7.00	7.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59.75
Lilly Branch	50.00	100.00	15.00	20.00	.....	.....	3.56	6.95	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200.51
McKinney Cove	15.00	.....	50	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	22.50
Mine Creek	50.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.25	26.25
Roan Mountain	40.35	.....	1.30	.....	.....	.....	5.00	5.00	5.00	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	64.65
Henson's Creek	26.53	115.00	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	141.93
Roaring Creek	.....	.....	80	.....	.....	15.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.40
Silver Chapel	40.00	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	46.50
Spring Creek	25.00	5.00	.....	6.00	10.00	22.80	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65.80
Little Rock	26.35	.....	70	.....	.....	18.20	.....	6.15	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	56.05
Spruce Pine	300.00	.....	25.00	34.00	.....	.....	15.00	10.00	5.00	20.00	.....	.....	6.60	40.00	430.60
White Oak	40.00	.....	380.00	.....	.....	55	2.00	.....	71	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	390.26

TABLE II—STATISTICAL.

CHURCH, PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE.	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE.	Time of Preaching.	Value of Church Property.	Seating Capacity.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total Membership.
Bakersville—A. B. Smith, Bakersville	M. L. Wilson, Bakersville	2—4	2000.00	500	....	5	....	7	1	1	....	....	122
Bear Creek—S. M. Green, Clarissa	Milton Buchanan, Ledger	4	.....	....	17	10	6	3	5	....	....	....	283
Beaver Creek—J. W. Pittman, Spruce Pine	Milton Buchanan, Ledger	....	.....	....	7	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	71
Cane Creek—S. M. Green, Clarissa	C. H. Wise, Hawk	....	.....	....	9	1	....	11	1	1	92	153	245
Cranberry—J. J. L. Sherwood, Vilas	R. N. Cardwell, Cranberry	....	2000.00	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	71
Cub Creek—I. S. Grindstaff, Toecane	Walter Gouge, Toecane	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Fork Mountain—C. H. McKinney, Bakersville	D. M. Cook, Little Rock Creek	....	.....	....	4	4	1	....	1	5	59	102	161
Grassy Creek—S. M. Green, Clarissa	Mills Hollyfield, Mica	....	.....	....	....	....	....	2	4	....	....	....	150
Liberty Hill—J. C. Thomas, Lunday	S. M. Sparks, Estatoe	....	.....	....	....	1	....	11	7	....	....	....	127
Lilly Branch—J. A. Gouge, Wing	D. T. Fortner, Wing	3	1200.00	600	7	2	2	2	....	2	59	81	140
McKinney Cove—C. H. McKinney, Bakersville	R. E. Ellis, Bakersville	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	24	43	67
Mine Creek—J. C. Thomas, Lunday	Robert Johnson, Toecane	....	.....	....	1	1	....	2	....	2	76	103	179
Roan Mountain—S. M. Green, Clarissa	J. Z. Singleton, Clarissa	....	.....	....	....	....	....	6	1	....	....	....	183
Henson's Creek—S. M. Green, Clarissa	L. S. Vance, Spear	3	400.00	....	6	6	....	....	....	2	....	....	30
Roaring Creek—S. A. Hughes, Valley	E. E. McKinney, Valley	....	.....	....	2	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	....
Silver Chapel—J. A. Gouge, Wing	D. P. Chandler, Bandana	....	.....	....	3	1	....	1	....	1	....	....	....
Spring Creek—J. W. Pittman, Magnetic City	Gus Brinkley, Magnetic City	3	.....	....	16	7	4	4	....	1	....	....	30
Little Rock Creek—C. H. McKinney, Bakersville	J. W. Buchanan, Glen Ayre	....	1000.00	....	1	....	2	3	2	1	....	....	196
Spruce Pine—A. B. Smith, Bakersville	J. M. Peterson, Spruce Pine	1—2	2000.00	450	12	5	....	....	....	2	60	65	125
White Oak—J. C. Thomas, Lunday	R. V. Wilson, Bakersville	....	100.00	400	4	6	3	1	....	1	49	53	102

MINUTES

of the

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

ROAN MOUNTAIN

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

held with

Fork Mountain Baptist Church, Little Rock Creek, N. C.,

September 18, 19 and 20, 1913.

L. H. GREENE.....Moderator
J. H. PHILLIPS.....Clerk
D. J. ENGLISH.....Treasurer

Next session to be held with Lilly Branch Baptist Church, beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1914.

L. H. Greene to preach Introductory Sermon. A. B. Smith, Alternate.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Roan Mountain Baptist Association convened with Fork Mountain Baptist Church at Little Rock Creek, N. C., on Thursday, September the 18th, 1913, in its Sixty-Fifth Annual Session.

The Association called to order and prayer by Rev. J. W. Putman.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Bro. J. C. Owen, from 2nd Timothy, 2nd chapter and 3rd verse.

Motion carried for adjournment until 2 P. M.

Assignment of delegates read by D. M. Cook.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Opened by singing and prayer by Prof. R. T. Teague.

The Moderator called the session to order. Received and read nineteen letters.

Moved and seconded that we call for newly-constituted churches. Received none.

The election of Moderator and Clerk was taken by ballot and resulting in the election of Rev. L. H. Greene as Moderator and J. H. Phillips as Clerk.

Rules suspended and Bro. David J. English was elected Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On State Missions—S. M. Greene, Livingston Johnston.
On Home Missions—R. T. Teague, J. C. Owen.
On Foreign Missions—A. B. Smith, M. L. Wilson.
On Education—R. T. Teague, L. A. Berry, G. E. Limeberry, Mitchell Collegiate Institute by the Trustees.
On Periodicals—C. H. McKinney, W. R. Beach.
On Orphanage—C. E. Greene, Johnson Wilson, F. B. Hamrick.
On Woman's Work—M. C. Pannell, C. E. Greene.
On Ministerial Relief—Jos. Wilson, J. H. Childers.
On Temperance—J. L. Francis, J. C. Owen.
On State of the Churches—D. M. Cook, D. J. English.
On Nominations—Milton Greene, W. H. Biddix.
On Resolutions—J. A. Williams, Moses McKinney.
On Sunday Schools—R. M. Young, Johnson McKinney.
On Preaching—Pastor and delegates of Fork Mountain Church.
On Finance—D. M. Cook, S. P. Greene.
On Programme—R. T. Teague, J. C. Owen.
On Time, Place and Preacher—W. M. Huskins, L. B. Jarrett, Newton Young, Johnson Wilson, Reuben Grindstaff.

Motion carried that we adjourn until 9 A. M. on the 19th.

SECOND DAY SESSION.

The Association met according to adjournment.

Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. Reuben Young.

Resolution offered by Bro. S. M. Greene rescinding the resolution of calling the roll of the delegates, and that the roll be called immediately after recess.

Bros. Johnson, Beach, Hamrick and Limeberry were invited to seats.

Report of the Committee on Arrangements was read by Bro. J. C. Owen and adopted.

Report on Orphanage was read by Bro. T. B. Hamrick and adopted, and spoken to by Bros. Hamrick and J. A. Williams.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The first child was received into the Orphanage November 11, 1885. Since that time 1,420 children have been enrolled, and the present number is 411. Average cost per child about $100 a year.

At the Kennedy Memorial Home, which is located in Lenoir County, two dormitories are in process of erection and will be ready for the reception of children by January 1st. It is hoped that sufficient funds will come to completely equip this part of the institution so that the work there may go forward without interruption. About half of the necessary funds have been secured.

A valuable gift has been made to the Orphanage consisting of 375 acres of land in Transylvania County by Miss Mary and Victoria Galloway. This place is estimated to be worth $25,000, but is not available during the lifetime of Miss Mary Galloway. Another notable gift was the bequest in the will of Dr. S. W. Little, of Davie County, which, it is believed, will turn into the Orphanage's treasury some $25,000. These two great contributions, in addition to a small sum left by the late John Pullen, have all come since the beginning of the year 1913.

While we are grateful to record these noble gifts to the Orphanage, its constant enlargement requires a steadily increasing current fund. Bequests are usually put in some permanent memorial to the giver, and are never used to buy meat and bread for the children. That part of the work has always devolved on our churches and Sunday schools and, please God, it may ever be so!

The greatest work of the Orphanage is in surrounding the children with a moral atmosphere and instructing them in spiritual things. A well organized Sunday school and church with their various departments, such as Baraca and Philathea classes, missionary society, mission study classes, etc., furnish excellent facilities for the growth in knowledge and in the grace of giving, and above all, pointing them to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world, is the supreme and crowning work of the institution.

About forty per cent of the current fund comes from the monthly collections in the Sunday schools, and yet scarcely one-third of our North Carolina Baptist Sunday schools are giving these monthly collections. We strongly insist that every Sunday school in this Association fall in line with this very sensible proposition and thus swell the number of monthly givers to this great object.

Our churches are magnifying Thanksgiving Day as a time to make a liberal contribution to the Orphanage. We hope all our churches will duly observe this day. We would suggest that in many churches it is best to

select a Sunday nearest Thanksgiving Day to hold this special service. This can be done to advantage on country fields. Do not neglect this offering. It gives the extra shove as we enter upon the winter months.

Charity and Children is itself a great contributor to the Orphanage. Every Sunday school ought to take a club of the paper and thus increase its circulation and usefulness. Special attention is called to our well equipped job plant.

CHAS. E. GREEN,
JOHNSON WILSON,
F. B. HAMRICK. Committee.

The report on Home Missions was read by Bro. J. C. Owen and adopted, and was spoken to by J. C. Owen.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The founders of the republic desired that this should be a Christian nation. They set forth their idea in many of the earliest State papers. They refused to bolster up religious institutions by State patronage. History has justified their wisdom.

But to maintain and propogate these high standards in a rapidly growing country filled with primeval savages and constantly recruited by immigrants from all the nations has always been one of the most important and difficult tasks ever set for the churches of Jesus Christ.

Home Missions have been the principal agency grappling with this task. Home Missions have always been the fostering mother, promoter and friends of all the other agencies engaged in the effort to uplift and save our nation. It is the only form of effort that has dealt with the whole problem in all its phases in our entire country. It has always found space for the two main features of all mission work, viz: evangelization and training, or preaching and teaching.

The Home Mission Board has always done its principal work in the following important fields: (1) Among the Indians. (2) In the new settlements on our frontiers. (3) Among the negroes. (4) Among the foreign immigrants. (5) In Cuba, Porto Rica and the canal zone. (6) In our great cities.

In addition to these our Board is doing a good work in its department of evangelism, its church building and its aid to our mountain schools. But with all that which has been done not one out of four people in the North is a professor of faith in Jesus, and in our own Southland nearly two-thirds of our people are out of the churches.

The Home Board apportionment for the whole South for this year is $431,750. The apportionment for our State is $35,000. Every dollar of this will be needed if the Board is to provide for even the most urgent necessities in the various departments of its work. Therefore we recommend:

1. That every church make a definite effort to induce every member to make contributions regularly to this cause.

2. That pastors and workers urge all the members to subscribe for the Home Field, our excellent Home Mission paper, and that the largest possible use be made of our excellent Home Mission tracts, which are free on application.

3. That earnest prayer be made in all the churches for Home Missions and that the pastors be urged to preach on the subject as often as practicable.

The address of the Home Board is Third National Bank Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Fraternally Submitted,

J. C. OWEN,
R. T. TEAGUE, Committee.

The report on State Missions was read by Bro. Livingston Johnson and adopted, and spoken to by Livingston Johnson.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The work of State Missions is fundamental. Upon it depends every other department.

We have this year 150 missionaries, preaching at 350 churches and auditoriums. We have appropriated for our State Mission work this year $50,000.

The reports of the missionaries so far this year are very encouraging. Most of them have had good meetings, and many precious souls have been led to Christ. Quite a number of new houses of worship are under course of construction, and a dozen have been completed this year.

We call especial attention to the little tract entitled Vital Facts About State Missions. In that tract full information is given in regard to all our State Mission work.

All our mission work is one, and while North Carolina is our Judea, we are not to stop here, but if we obey the command of Christ we must go on through Samaria to the uttermost part of the earth.

S. M. GREENE,
LIVINGSTON JOHNSON,
Committee.

Motion carried for adjournment until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Opened by prayer by Bro. Livingston Johnson.

The following delegates were enrolled:

Bakersville—R. T. Teague, Chas. E. Greene, M. L. Wilson, Geo. Baker, M. C. Pannell.

Big Rock Creek—James Wilson, L. W. Garland, John Moseley, R. H. Bradshaw.

Bear Creek—D. J. English, Mack Mace, S. A. Sparks.

Cane Creek—S. P. Greene, M. B. Greene, W. K. Buchanan, C. H. Wise, S. C. Ward, John L. Buchanan and Milton Buchanan.

Spring Creek—J. W. Putman, J. W. Francis.

Gouges Chapel—Lea Teague, Isaac Roberts.

Spruce Pine—L. A. Berry, A. B. Smith.

Mine Creek—Reuben Grindstaff, Isaac Grindstaff, Isaac McKinney.

Roan Mountain—Rev. S. M. Greene, R. M. Young, N. Young, S. J. Wilson.

Cub Creek—Sherman Hoilman.

Grassy Creek—J. D. Washburn, D. P. Hollifield.

Silvers Chapel—Jeff Sparks, W. G. Gouge.

Lilly Branch—J. H. Phillips, L. B. Jarrett, W. M. Huskins.

Fork Mountain—J. H. Childers, David McKinney, James Jones, Stephen Cook, H. R. Hughes, J. W. Slagle, Milt Greene, David Birchfield.

White Oak—James Wilson, J. I. Buchanan, R. V. Wilson, A. L. Grindstaff, Milton Wilson.

Liberty Hill—W. A. McKinney, C. C. Woody, T. L. Cox, Neute Wilson.

Black Mountain—M. L. Queen.

Little Rock Creek—W. H. Biddix, W. M. Ellis, D. P. Thomas, D. F. Gouge, C. B. Buchanan.

McKinney's Cove—C. H. McKinney, Samuel McKinney, W. A. McKinney, Johnson McKinney.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. A. B. Smith and adopted, and was spoken to by Rev. A. B. Smith. In connection with the Foreign Mission report a letter from Rev. T. L. Blalock was read by J. C. Owen.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign Missions is the department of our mission work operating in pagan and heathen countries, and is founded upon our Lord's last command to us: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Southern Baptists do their Foreign Mission work through the machinery of their Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., which board consists of a President and twelve other local members, all of whom give their time and work to this great cause, and of eighteen Vice-Presidents representing the sixteen States and District of Columbia and District Associations of Illinois, which do their mission work through our board, and Dr. R. J. Willingham, Corresponding Secretary, and three Departmental Secretaries who are salaried officers of the Board; and of Treasurer and Auditor who receive part salary.

We now have 275 missionaries and nearly 600 native helpers on the foreign fields, in seven great countries, to-wit: Argentina, Africa, Brazil, China, Italy, Japan and Mexico. In these seven countries we have about 350 churches, 25,000 members, 430 Sunday schools, 230 schools, six hospitals, thirteen dispensaries and four or more publishing plants. To carry on this great work the Southern Baptist Convention at its 1912 session apportioned $618,000. However, the churches raised only $543,446.29 cash of this apportionment, leaving at our 1913 Convention a debt of $76,400.27 on our Foreign Board.

Our apportionment for 1913-14 is $631,700. Of this North Carolina's apportionment is $52,000. Extra of these annual sums which we are raising for Foreign Mission work, we are undertaking to raise in three years beginning 1912, the sum of $1,250,000, to be known as the Judson Memorial Fund, to be used for special equipment and endowment in our foreign work. We earnestly insist that our people subscribe for and read the Foreign Mission Journal, to become informed about our Foreign Mission work.

The Journal is a monthly, costing in clubs of ten or more twenty-five cents per year. Address orders to the Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va. Tracts and leaflets on all phases of the work may be had for the asking: Write Dr. R. J. Willingham, Richmond, Va.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. SMITH, Chairman,
M. L. WILSON, Committee.

Report on Periodicals was read by Bro. W. R. Beach and adopted, and spoken to by Bro. W. R. Beach.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

The Biblical Recorder is the organ of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and for more than three quarters of a century has fostered every claim of the denomination and has stood by every undertaking of our people through all these years.

It is the bond of unity as well as the medium of communication; it is also the agency for the dissemination of information in regard to the work and for the spread of the truth.

This is a reading age, and if we fail to give ourselves and families the opportunity to read that which is good, other matter that is hurtful and dangerous will creep in unawares with its deadly effect.

Notwithstanding the numerical increase of our denomination in the last five years, there has been very little gain in the number of our subscribers during that time.

The Biblical Recorder can never reach its greatest usefulness and serve our people as we would wish it to do until it is more widely read.

To this end we earnestly request the pastors in this Association to encourage and urge their members to become subscribers to and readers of our denominational organ.

C. H. McKINNEY,
W. R. BEACH, Committee.

Motion carried that the Report on Education be continued until the 20th at 10 o'clock A. M.

Motion carried for adjournment until Saturday, the 20th, at 9 A. M.

THIRD DAY SESSION.

Met accordng to adjournment.

Opened by prayer by Bro. G. E. Limeberry.

Report of the Committee on Time and Place and Preacher was read by the Clerk and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE AND PREACHER.

We, your Committee on Time and Place, report the next session will convene with Lilly Branch Church, commencing on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1914. Rev. L. H. Greene to preach the Introductory Sermon; Rev. A. B. Smith, alternate.

R. M. GRINDSTAFF,
S. J. WILSON,
S. N. YOUNG,
L. B. JARRETT,
W. M. HUSKINS,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Woman's Work was read by R. T. Teague and adopted, and spoken to by Bros. Livingston Johnston and G. E. Limeberry.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

While we see and know that the Christian mothers and daughters are doing a great work in the churches and Sunday schools teaching and training for Christ, yet there is in the bounds of this Association a great lack of organized work.

We maintain the idea that there should be a ladies' Missionary Society and a Sunbeam Society organized in every church in this Association, that does not already have one, for the purpose of raising money to send the Gospel of Christ to those who have it not and also for teaching the young the duty of giving for Christ.

Therefore we recommend that the pastors take up and attend to this much-needed work.

Respectfully submitted,

M. C. PANNELL, Chairman,
CHAS. E. GREENE,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Education was read by R. T. Teague and adopted, and spoken to by Bro. R. T. Teague and Rev. S. M. Greene.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

To prepare us for complete living is the function which education has to discharge. Two ancient types of education are to be combined into symmetrical development. The Greek idea was purely cultural, its object the perfection of human nature, and its studies the classics, history, music, art and the sciences. The Roman idea was professional, its scope the round of industrial lore, and its purpose to prepare for earning a livelihood and getting on in the world. Neither view is wholly correct; the truth lies near the golden mean, and this our energies should converge.

Education is a discoverer. It is a Columbus sailing uncharted seas to discover not continents but continent-makers. Seven new citizens are born every minute into the English-speaking world. Their immaturity and their ignorance are linked with their possibility, their potentiality for good or evil; and the supreme problem is to guide these infant feet in right paths. Education here steps in and discovers what the child is, whether of one or five talents; what he can be, though he have but one talent; and what he can do. For there is something each person can do better than he can do anything else, and there is somewhere and some time that he can do this better than anybody else.

Education disciplines. It takes raw material and hammers it into value. A child is like a hundred weight of good iron. In ordinary form it is worth $1; carbonized into steel it is worth $2; made into inch screws, worth $100; drawn into fine wire, $500; in fine needles, $1,000; in smallest watch screws, $300,000, and in the finest hair-springs, $1,500,000—sixty times its value in gold! Oh, the pounding and polishing that is necessary, and how much genuine discipline!

Education is a developer. But remember there are two kinds of instruction: One which merely imparts information, and one which inspires the pupil. The one kind conceives the pupil a receptacle and its motto is, "Fill him up." The other kind conceives him a living spirit and its motto is, "Build him up." So education really gives one the use of himself; it enables him to call into play any one or all of his powers as needed; and it trains and qualifies them for the most effective use.

Mere knowledge is not education; there is more in what knowledge it is, and how one uses it. We are like knives with many blades; but few of us know how to open or use more than a single blade of our powers. True education is the knowledge of how to use the whole of oneself. It inspires but does not inflate. It may, indeed, put one above his fellows, but it forbids that he should feel above them. It may even make him a lord of men, but it will not permit him to lord it over them. Culture and humility go together.

The true school is a sieve which separates masters from servants; a grindstone which sharpens the mind; an arsenal which furnishes for conquests; a fortress which defends against assaulting vice, and a compass which guides to the true and successful life. The Christian school is the beacon light of Christian education. To it we turn as a rock of refuge in the stormy sea of unregenerate learning and sceptical lore. Christian education

magnifies Christian ideals. It puts down wisdom as the principal thing, places character and conduct above clothes and cash, and puts first things first in declaring: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God."

North Carolina is blessed with Christian schools. In our correlated system are Wake Forest, Meredith, and Chowan Colleges and thirteen high schools, one of which is our own school, Mitchell Collegiate Institute. In our high schools were enrolled 2,469 students last year, an increase of 219 over the year before. The schools are not only doing as efficient teaching as the State school, but are training the conscience as well.

Our crying need today is a better educated ministry. This is simply our method of training those whom God has given the task of preaching the Gospel. The preacher is God's man for a specific work. The first thing to be done is to make him the strongest, most intelligent, well-grown man that can be made out of him. Preachers are made out of men; men are not made out of preachers. The preacher must be a man who knows Jesus Christ. He is going to fail in his work if Christ is not as real to him through the presence of the Holy Spirit as the force of gravity that holds his body to the earth, not as a theory, but as the supreme force in human history and as the mightiest fact of current life. He must know the Old Book that tells of Jesus and his Kingdom; his own life must be an evidence of its inspiration. With all knowledge of Jesus Christ, of the Kingdom, of the Bible, of current history, he is doomed to fail unless he has an eye to see the lost condition of his fellowman without the Gospel. The greatest danger confronting the Church of Christ in America today is the possible decadence of the pulpit. Let the pulpit decay and the cause of Christ is lost. Nothing can take the place of preaching. There is no power under heaven equal to a God-inspired pulpit. Anthems and hymns, responsive readings and creed recitations all have their place, and when rightly used are means of grace; but all of them put together cannot take the place of the exposition of God's word by a man whose lips have been touched by a coal from God's altar. An ignorant pulpit is the worst of all scourges. An ineffective pulpit is the most lamentable of all scandals. The cause of Christ is hopelessly handicapped and blocked when Christian preachers forget how to preach. We must guard the pulpit with all diligence for out of it are issues of life.

We earnestly recommend Mitchell Collegiate Institute for our boys and girls till course there is finished; then Wake Forest for boys, and Meredith for girls.

R. T. TEAGUE,
L. A. BERRY, Committee.

Motion carried that we adjourn for dinner until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

The report on Nominations was read by R. T. Teague, and adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations submit the following:

Trustees Mitchell Collegiate Institute—M. L. Wilson, 3 years; Brown McKinney, 3 years; Walter C. Berry, 3 years.

Executive Committee—R. T. Teague, Chairman; M. C. Pannell, Secretary; Newton Young, L. A. Berry, W. L. Wilson.

We recommend that each of these boards have right to elect a successor should a place become vacant.

W. H. BIDDIX,
MILTON GREENE,
Committee.

Motion carried that the advertisement of the Mitchell Collegiate Institute be printed on the back of the Minutes.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Aid was read by J. H. Phillips and adopted, and spoken to by Rev. A. B. Smith.

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF.

The Baptist Ministers' Relief Board was established twenty-three years ago. During that time it has brought relief to one hundred and three needy beneficiaries. There are at present thirty-six on the Board. This is the largest number ever receiving aid at one time. There are several applications pending, showing that the increase of beneficiaries may be expected to continue. The beneficiaries receive from twenty-five to two hundred dollars per year. Many of them need more. Some of them have no other means of support. That the aid extended may be adequate to the needs of the beneficiaries it is frequently necessary to increase the appropriations.

The expense of the Board this year is more than usual because of its sending a representative to a number of the Associations. The falling off of the Board's receipts for the last two years of eight hundred dollars, the increasing number of beneficiaries, and the necessity of giving more aid to those already helped because of the high cost of living, makes an increase of funds imperative; hence the sending of a representative.

It is the aim of this Board that no one who has been a worthy proclaimer of God's truths shall suffer for the necessities of life. We desire that every Baptist of the State shall share this ambition with us, and contribute towards its accomplishment. Many of our people already give gladly to this work, but nearly three-fourths of the churches of the State contribute nothing. More than one-fourth of the Associations give nothing for this object. From this it may be seen that the work of enlistment is but just begun.

We do, therefore, urge that each church make regular contributions to this object; we urge, in the second place, that each pastor present the needs and worthiness of this object to his people, and that a special collection for this work be taken on the Sunday nearest to Christmas on which the church may have service.

Committee.

The report on the State of the Churches was read by J. H. Phillips and adopted, and spoken to by Rev. S. M. Greene.

REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We, the undersigned Committee on State of the Churches, make the following report, according to the reading of the letters from the different churches: We haven't made much gain in the past year, and there are causes for it. First, we believe that the church members do not live up to their Christian duty as they should, to show to the world that there is something in being a Christian. We believe it would help the cause if we had our churches divided into districts, four churches to each district, and have one pastor to each district and let each member pay the pastor according to his financial ability, so the pastor could have a living and devote all his time in visiting the members of his churches and holding prayer with them to keep them from going back into sin.

D. M. COOK,
D. J. ENGLISH, Committee.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. S. M. Greene and tabled until Sunday, the 21st.

Report of the Treasurer read by the Clerk and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Committee on Finance report that they have received $20.55 from the various churches for Minutes, which has been turned over to the Treasurer.

I have received for

Home Missions	$ 19.20
State Missions	21.50
Foreign Missions	11.00
Orphanage	14.50
Total	$ 66.20

D J. ENGLISH.

Report of the Committee on Finance read by the Clerk and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report on amounts received and turned over to the Treasurer:

Home Missions	$ 18.20
State Missions	21.50
Foreign Missions	11.00
Orphanage	12.50
Minute Fund	20.05
Total	$ 83.25

D. M. COOK,
L. A. BERRY, Committee.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by the Clerk and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we, the Committee on resolutions, hereby extend our thanks and appreciation to the good people of the Fork Mountain Settlement for their kindness shown to the delegates and visitors, while in their midst.

J. A. WILLIAMS,
MOSES McKINNEY,
Committee.

Resolutions adopted.

1. Be it resolved, That we ask the Church Clerks in making up the church's Associational letter that they give the name and address of the ordained preachers holding membership with them, and that they also give the names of the members who have died during the year.

2. We urge pastors and churches to take collections as often as they can for the different Conventional objects, and that we urge all Church Treasurers and Clerks to promptly remit contributional moneys to Walters Durham, Treasurer, Raleigh, N. C., except Orphanage money, which should be sent to S. H. Averitt, Treasurer, Thomasville, N. C. In sending money to the Treasurer give the name of the church and state the object for which the money is sent. It is important to remit all money promptly as above given. No money should be sent to the Association except for Minutes.

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The Trustees of the Mitchell Collegiate Institute submit the following report, viz:

That there were enrolled during the past year 145 pupils in regular work, and 41 in normal, making a total of 186—30 more than the previous year.

A new building with twelve rooms was completed during the year. This building cost $4,300, $2,000 of which was paid by the Home Board, and about $1,900 was raised largely in and near Bakersville, leaving a debt of $400, which must be provided speedily. In addition to this our auditorium must be seated; this will take about $600. The Home Board offers $500 of the necessary amount on condition that we raise a like amount. In other words, it will meet us dollar for dollar up to $500. Are the Baptist people of the Roan Mountain Association able to raise their part?

The school is doing efficient work. We point with pride to the fact that at the last public school examination for teachers every one who made an average above 91, except one, has been a student of this school under its present supervision.

This year we offer three of our rooms free of charge to the County Board of Education for teaching the grades, agreeing not to open said school for students in the grades till close of public term.

This necessarily makes our enrollment small, but we have in secondary work 50 per cent more than last year.

A. B. SMITH, Chairman.
M. L. WILSON,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Motion carried that we adjourn to meet with Lilly Branch Church on Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1914.

L. H. GREENE, Moderator.
J. H. PHILLIPS, Clerk.

PLEDGES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

CHURCH.	Orphanage.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Total.
Bakersville	$12.50	$50.00	$35.00	$15.00	$.....	$.....	$ 112.50
Bear Creek	.....	5.00	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	15.00
Beaver Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Big Rock Creek	2.50	5.00	2.00	2.50	.....	.....	12.00
Cane Creek	6.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	21.00
Cub Creek	5.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	.....	.....	17.00
Forbes Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fork Mountain	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	.....	.....	17.00
Grassy Creek	2.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	17.50
Liberty Hill	2.50	2.00	5.00	2.50	.....	.....	12.00
Silver Chapel	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	20.00
Lilly Branch	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	.....	.....	40.00
Spring Creek	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	8.00
Little Rock Creek	2.50	5.00	3.00	2.00	.....	.....	12.50
Spruce Pine	10.00	10.00	15.00	10.00	.....	.....	45.00
McKinney Cove	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	.....	.....	12.00
White Oak	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.50	.....	.....	8.50
Mine Creek	5.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	14.00
Black Mountain	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.50	.....	.....	8.50
Roan Mountain	8.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	23.00
Gouges Chapel	1.00	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	3.00

TABLE I—FINANCIAL.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairs.	Incidentals.	Sunday School Expenses.	The Poor.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Colleges and Schools.	Ministerial Education.	Aged Ministers.	Other Objects.	Total.
Bakersville	$ 300.00	$.....	$22.41	$75.00	$.....	$.....	$25.60	$77.25	$15.80	$12.32	$12.50	$ 4.50	$ 3.50	$40.34	$ 588.62
Bear Creek	57.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90.25
Beaver Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cane Creek	43.50	.....	73.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	140.50
Cub Creek	40.00	3.30	.....	.....	31.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	27.89	107.19
Fork Mountain	28.50	.....	.....	4.20	.....	.....	3.00	2.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	51.70
Grassy Creek	86.30	15.00	.....	8.00	10.00	.....	5.00	5.00	2.00	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	141.30
Liberty Hill	47.10	120.00	23.46	.....	.....	10.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	201.16
Lilly Branch	50.00	15.00	8.00	8.00	.....	.....	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.06	.....	.....	.....	28.30	128.36
McKinney Cove	22.50	.....	12.50	.....	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	44.00
Mine Creek	60.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	2.50	.....	.....	.....	26.10	90.50
Roan Mountain	41.00	90.00	12.00	14.00	.....	.....	5.00	5.00	5.00	8.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	180.25
Silver Chapel	40.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.80	.....	3.74	.....	.....	.....	12.90	58.44
Spring Creek	25.00	.....	15.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	53.00
Little Rock Creek	22.65	2.00	.....	11.50	2.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.00	45.05
Spruce Pine	300.00	.....	27.06	60.00	.....	.....	20.00	14.68	13.70	12.76	.....	14.27	6.00	25.15	493.62
White Oak	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50	1.35	.....	.....	.....	.....	53.85
Big Rock Creek	36.25	.....	.....	11.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	.....	.....	12.65	.....	61.50
Black Mountain	63.17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	68.17
Gouges Chapel	35.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	35.75

TABLE II—STATISTICAL.

CHURCH, PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE.	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE.	Time of Preaching.	Value of Church Property.	Seating Capacity.	Baptized	Received By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed By letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total Membership.
Bakersville—A. B. Smith, Bakersville.....	M. L. Wilson, Bakersville.....	2—4	$2000.00	500	6	7	1	2	4	1	51	78	129
Bear Creek—S. M. Greene, Clarissa.....	S. A. Sparks, Ledger.....	....	.....	....	4	6	4	8	3	3	....	.....	285
Beaver Creek	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	...
Cane Creek—J. C. Thomas, Lunday.....	C. H. Wise, Hawk.....	2	1500.00	300	....	....	....	2	5	2	90	147	237
Cub Creek—J. C. Thomas, Lunday.....	W. L. Canipe, Toe Cane.....	2	500.00	450	11	....	2	....	15	1	53	78	131
Fork Mountain--C. H. McKinney,Bakersville	D. M. Cook, Little Rock Creek..	....	500.00	200	8	....	2	2	8	4	53	102	155
Grassy Creek—S. M. Greene, Clarissa.....	J. D. Washburn, Mica.....	1	1000.00	500	19	....	....	4	....	2	56	112	168
Liberty Hill—J. C. Thomas, Lunday.....	S. M. Sparks, Estatoe.....	....	800.00	300	7	2	....	7	20	1	36	60	96
Lilly Branch—J. A. Gouge, Wing.....	W. S. Greene, Wing.....	....	.....	....	4	3	3	2	....	2	50	82	132
McKinney Cove—C. H. McKinney, Bak'v'le	R. E. Ellis, Bakersville.....	4	800.00	300	6	1	....	....	....	....	26	48	74
Mine Creek—J. A. Gouge, Ledger.....	J. L. McNeill, Bakersville.....	1	500.00	250	5	....	....	3	1	....	77	103	180
Roan Mountain—S. M. Greene, Clarissa...	J. Z. Singleton, Clarissa.....	3	2000.00	600	....	....	1	3	....	2	....	....	178
Silver Chapel—J. A. Gouge, Ledger.....	W. G. Gouge, Bandanna.....	2	.....	....	4	1	1	....	....	1	37	72	109
Spring Cr'k—J. W. Putnam, Magnetic City	John Francis, Magnetic City....	3	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	18	17	35
Little Rock—C. H. McKinney, Bakersville	J. A. Buchanan, Glen Ayre.....	1	1000.00	450	1	2	....	....	....	2	....	....	197
Spruce Pine—A. B. Smith, Bakersville.....	J. M. Ellis, Spruce Pine.....	1—3	2000.00	500	5	14	....	2	....	1	68	73	141
White Oak—J. C. Thomas, Lunday.....	R. V. Wilson, Bakersville.....	4	1000.00	300	1	....	....	....	....	....	51	51	102
Big Rock Creek—L. H. Greene, Bakersville	R. H. Bradshaw, Harrell.....	3	500.00	300	6	....	....	2	....	....	36	55	91
Black Mountain—R. Pitman, Spruce Pine..	C. J. Willis	....	.....	....	21	15	....	....	....	....	16	26	42
Gouges Chap.—J. W. Putnam,Magnetic City	George Cook	....	.....	....	13	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	51

MINUTES

of the

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

ROAN MOUNTAIN

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

held with

Lilly Branch Church, Wing, N. C.,

September 17, 18 and 19, 1914.

J. A. GOUGE.....Moderator.
W. F. DODSON.....Clerk.
D. J. ENGLISH.....Treasurer.

Next session to be held with Bakersville Baptist Church, beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1915.

S. M. Greene to preach Introductory Sermon; J. C. Thomas, Alternate.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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Newton Young, M. L. Wilson,
L. A. Berry, John C. McBee, Secretary.

TRUSTEES MITCHELL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

Rev. A. B. Smith, Chairman....1915
L. A. Berry....1915
J. H. Phillips....1915
M. L. Wilson, Secretary....1916
Brown McKinney....1916
W. C. Berry....1916
John C. McBee....1917
S. J. Block....1917
Rev. L. H. Green....1917

PROCEEDINGS.

WING, N. C., September 17th, 1914.

The Roan Mountain Baptist Association convened with Lilly Branch Baptist Church on Thursday, September 17th, 1914, in its sixty-sixth annual session.

The Association was called to order and prayer by Prof. R. T. Teague.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. C. P. Holland, from Rev. 2:11.

Motion to adjourn until 2 p. m.

Assignment of delegates read by D. W. Greene.

AFTERNOON.

September 17, 1914.

Met according to adjournment. Opened by singing and prayer.

The Moderator called for letters. Received 14. Letters read and approved. Newly constituted churches "one", Hughes Chapel, Relief, N. C.

The election of Moderator and Clerk by ballot resulted in the election of Rev. J. A. Gouge, Moderator, and W. F. Dodson, Clerk.

Rules were suspended and Bro. D. J. English was elected Treasurer, by acclamation.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

On State Missions—W. R. Bradshaw, L. H. Green.
On Home Missions—J. C. Owen, J. C. Thomas, S. M. Green.
On Foreign Missions—R. T. Teague, J. C. Blalock, A. M. McDaniel, J. C. Owen.
On Education—A. W. McDaniel, J. C. Owen, D. W. Greene.
On Biblical Recorder—W. R. Beach, S. M. Green, Isaac Grindstaff.
On Orphanage—F. B. Hamrick, C. P. Holland.
On Ministerial Relief—C. P. Holland, Isaac Grindstaff.
On State of the Churches—J. C. Thomas, S. M. Greene.
On Destitution—S. M. Greene, J. C. Thomas.
On Nominations—M. C. Pannell, L. H. Green, L. A. Berry.
On Resolutions—R. T. Teague, Anderson Sparks, Will Green.
On Preaching—Pastor and Delegates of Church.
On Program—F. B. Hamrick, L. H. Green.
On Time, Place and Preacher—W. F. Dodson, S. M. Green, L. H. Green, Willie Canipe.
On Finance—D. T. Fortner, Charles Woody, Anderson Sparks.
On Mitchell Collegiate Institute—A. W. McDaniel, M. C. Pannell, J. H. Phillips.
On Temperance—J. C. Blalock, L. H. Green.
On Woman's Work—L. H. Greene, J. C. Thomas, D. W. Greene.
On Sunday Schools—R. T. Teague, D. W. Greene.

Report on *Biblical Recorder* read by W. R. Beach.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

For more than four score years the Biblical Recorder has been the organ of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and has stood for every movement that has meant the educational, moral or spiritual uplift of our people. It is the means of information concerning the different activities of our denomination, the Acts of the Apostles for North Carolina in our age, the medium of communication for our brethren in the different parts of the State.

About one family in six in our Convention takes the Biblical Recorder and yet at least four-fifths of the work of this denomination is done by this small per cent of our membership. Its greatest usefulness can never be attained till it is read more widely, by our people.

Let us each endeavor to get others to become subscribers to and readers of the Biblical Recorder.

W. R. BEACH,
S. M. GREENE,
Committee.

Spoken to by W. R. Beach and S. M. Greene.

Report adopted.

Report on Program read by F. B. Hamrick and adopted.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9 a. m., Friday, Sept. 18, 1914.

Morning Session.

September 18, 1914.

Called to order by the Moderator and devotional service was conducted by Rev. L. H. Greene. The body was then ready for business. The Moderator called for corresponding and visiting brethren and the following responded: W. R. Beach, *Biblical Recorder;* F. B. Hamrick, *Charity and Children;* J. C. Owen, Home and Foreign Mission Journals; W. R. Bradshaw, State Missions.

Report on Home Missions read by J. C. Owen.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

To save our own country for Jesus Christ is in itself a task worthy of our best efforts. To save our country and to save the world is the biggest task before the American Christians. Home Missions is the organized effort of American Christians to save our own land. Southern Baptist Home Mission effort centers in our Home Mission Board. This Board has its headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. It is composed of 45 of our wisest and best men who are elected annually by the Southern Baptist Convention. It conducts mission work in 18 States, in Cuba and in Panama. Within this territory the Home Mission Board undertakes to assist and strengthen every other agency engaged in the task of evangelizing and training our entire people. But its special fields of endeavor are the 155,000 Indians, the 9,000,000 negroes, the Mexicans in Texas and New Mexico, the more than 3,000,000 foreigners, our mountain people, the great cities and Cuba and Panama. In all these fields our Board undertakes to lend the aid most needed, whether it be to assist in building a church, in building and conducting a school, in holding evangelistic meetings, training institutes or conducting regular en-

listment work. In all these things the Home Board is the friend of all and the helper of all. It is our central, unifying agency collecting funds from all and helping the most needy.

During the past year there was collected and expended in this work $397,589.12 in money and one year of the life of 1,447 good men and women. As partial returns on the investment, in one line there were added to Baptist churches 56,747 people. But in higher ideals implanted, lives blessed and whole communities blessed and uplifted, our Father in Heaven alone can measure the results.

Your committee would recommend:

1. That this Association raise $150.00 for Home Missions for the coming year.

2. That each church appoint at its next meeting a member whose duty it shall be to put the Home Field and other Home Mission literature in every home.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. OWEN, Committee.

Spoke to by J. C. Owen, L. H. Greene.

Pledges on Home Missions taken amounting to $166.00.

Report adopted.

Report on Orphanage read by F. B. Hamrick.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The care of the unfortunate is a natural and fundamental expression of Christianity. Jesus was in his ministry what he would have us be. He emphasized things fundamental and cast the program for all ages. He glorified childhood and so related his gospel to the physical wants of life that we cannot hope to save the soul unless we also provide for the body.

Children are already being received at the Kennedy Home. We now have fifty children there. The Miles Durham nursery for very small children, at Thomasville, will be completed before the winter months. If this is filled with children and we provide for those that are being received at the Kennedy Home, the current expenses must be increased $10,000 over last year.

This Association has seven children at Orphanage, costing $107.64 each, or $753.48. We paid last year only $86.50 of this amount. Your committee would recommend that we endeavor to raise not less than $150.00 for the coming year.

Among North Carolina Baptists nothing has so enlisted men and women in the work of the kingdom as the Orphanage work. It has been the agency for the promotion of harmony, liberality and consecration. Thus in the larger work of the kingdom the little child is the leader.

Since the reception of the first child, November 11, 1885, 1516 have been enrolled and the present number is 480 (with about 500 by end of the year). Average cost per child $107.64 a year. The health record of the children for the past year has been remarkable, there being no deaths and few cases of serious illness.

We would again urge and recommend: (1). That every Sunday school set aside one Sunday in each month as Orphanage day; (2). A club of Charity & Children in each Sunday school and an individual copy to pastors and all homes that are not represented in the Sunday school; (3). A liberal Thanksgiving offering emphasizing the importance of "Work Day", giving not less than one day's work to the Orphanage. We would suggest that in many churches it is best to select a Sunday nearest Thanksgiving day to hold this special service. This can be done to advantage on country fields.

Finally brethren, let us constantly keep in mind the appeal of the Larger Orphanage and remember as we save the child we not only save the State

but we save ourselves and in doing this we find our greatest happiness.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. GREENE,
C. P. HOLLAND,
F. B. HAMRICK,
Committee.

Spoke to by Rev. F. B. Hamrick and R. T. Teague.

Pledges were taken amounting to $120.00.

Report on Christian Education read by A. W. McDaniel.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The time has passed when it is necessary to argue the importance of education. Everybody now recognizes its necessity in this progressive age. But not every one perceives the tremendous issues that hang upon the kind of education our young people procure. The most valuable asset of any community is its citizenship, and the value of its citizenship hinges upon the character of its citizens. That community is richest which has the largest number of people with a high average of efficiency, industry and righteousness. It is to this class of our citizens that each community owes its real advancement. This kind of citizen can be produced only by Christian education of the young. Christian education is education directed by Christian teachers under Christian surroundings and from a Christian view point.

It is a well known fact that many of our State institutions and some others, do not give the pupil the Christian view-point. Many graduates are going forth with a good mental training but with their faith in God and humanity wrecked, to be either selfish money-getters and indifferent church members or to be full fledged atheists.

All Christian parents should send their children to a Christian school and Baptists should patronize Baptist schools. Every Christian should do all in his power to make our public schools as much as possible Christian by using his vote and influence to put Christian men on school boards and in the rooms as teachers and proper text-books and courses of study in the schools.

Christian education in the home, the Bible school and the Christian day-school, gave us President Wilson, and others of his type; and the number of such great and noble characters of the future is being determined by the number at present being trained under such influences.

A recent investigation by a committee appointed by the Northern Baptist Convention revealed the fact that Baptists are sending a smaller percentage of their boys and girls to their higher educational institutions than were any of the other leading denominations. The question arises, what relation does this bear to the other known but embarrassing fact that we also give less per capita to missions than these same denominations?

Another question arises: How can we be consistent and claim to have more truth than others unless we put forth our utmost effort to train a competent force of men and women to give this truth to the world in an acceptable manner?

Again, Baptists believe in a Christian democracy; a society in which every man is a sovereign under God. The world's nations to-day are adopting the Baptist type of government. From this stand point this is a great Baptist age. But experience proves that in a democracy or in a republic, if you please, that a commonwealth will never rise higher than the morals and intelligence of the average citizen.

In a Baptist church where each member has an equal voice in the decision of affairs and the molding of policies it is of the utmost importance to have

an educated membership. And as a church or a denomination never rises higher than its ministers the need of the best possible education for our ministry is evident.

Among Protestant people those societies who have adhered strictly to a high educational standard for their ministry have been less easily disturbed by outside influences and have maintained a more compact front and uniform progress.

On foreign fields those societies who have early planted schools in connection with their evangelistic work have soonest secured a substantial footing.

In view of the foregoing facts we urge the churches of this Association to encourage in every possible way the cause of Christian education. The place to begin is to help the institutions we already have.

In North Carolina the Baptists have in their correlated system Wake Forest, Meredith, and Chowan Colleges, and thirteen high schools one of which is the Mitchell Collegiate Institute at Bakersville. These schools show an enrollment of about 2,500 students. A uniform Bible course has been included in the curriculum and all the other elements making for Christian education are to be found.

We urgently recommend these schools to the patronage of Mitchell County Baptists and advise that an apportionment for them be included in the annual budget of the churches. Respectfully submitted,

A. W. McDANIEL,
D. W. GREENE,
J. C. OWEN,
Committee.

Spoke to by A. W. McDaniel.
Report adopted.
Motion to adjourn until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.
Prayer by J. C. Thomas.
Report on Nominations was read and adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations submit the following:

Trustees Mitchell Collegiate Institute to serve three years—John C. McBee, S. J. Block, and Rev. L. H. Greene.

Executive Committee to serve one year—R. T. Teague, Chairman, John C. McBee, Secretary, Newton Young, L. A. Berry and M. L. Wilson. Each have right to elect successor should place become vacant.

M. C. PANNELL,
L. A. BERRY,
Committee.

Report on Mitchell Collegiate Institute was read by A. W. McDaniel. Spoke to by Prof. R. T. Teague and J. C. Owen.

REPORT OF MITCHELL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

The Roan Mountain Association is especially to be congratulated on having within her borders one of the thirty-four mountain schools which are

fostered and supervised by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

This school, so well situated in a central location and having three good buildings worth more than $5,000 and three good teachers under the supervision of so good an educator as Principal R. T. Teague should have the enthusiastic support of all our people and be our mutual pride.

The testimony of the Superintendent of Mitchell county schools is that the Institute has done better work in the last five years than at any other period in its history and that it is doing more for the county than any other institution.

Its growth is seen in the following figures. Three years ago there were no pupils in the High School department, in the fall term, two years ago there were six, one year ago nine, and this fall twenty. Three years ago there were twenty-four in the normal course, two years ago 31, one year ago 41; and last spring there were 80. These figures indicate constant and rapid growth. Practically all the first grade teachers of the county have been students of the Institute.

This year the Institute furnishes three rooms to the public school but no grade work is done in the Institute.

In order to do its work in the most efficient manner there are certain needs that should be met very soon. The greatest immediate need is seats for the auditorium, so that all the students can be seated together for the morning chapel exercises. This will require $600 of which the Home Mission Board agrees to pay one dollar for each dollar raised by the Association. We have raised $75.00 of our half and we need the rest at once. We, your committee, recommend that pledges be secured at this session of the Association for this purpose and that the pledges be added to, and be made a part of, the budget for next year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. McDANIEL,
R. T. TEAGUE,
J. C. OWEN, Committee.

Pledges were taken.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Prof. R. T. Teague.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board is located at Richmond, Virginia, and is composed of nineteen local members and eighteen members at large representing each State in co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention. The Board conducts work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Japan, China and Africa. In these countries we have 380 churches with 833 outstations, 30,000 church members and 542 Sunday Schools with 22,000 scholars enrolled. We have also 9,376 students in mission schools, 420 of whom are in the theological seminaries and training schools seeking special preparation for Christian work.

The present force of workers embraces just 300, of which number 20 are under appointment, but have not yet sailed for their respective fields of labor. In addition to these home-sent missionaries we have on the combined fields 635 native workers.

The work prospers on nearly all the fields; 5,252 converts were baptized last year, the largest number ever reported for a single year. Conditions at this hour give promise of still more abundant fruits, if we take advantage of the opportunities opening to us everywhere.

But our successes and our opportunities have laid responsibilities upon us and make insistent demands of us which we cannot ignore without turning much of our success into failure, and throwing away our God-given opportunity for still larger achievements. Multitudes have been made ready for the Word of Life; thousands are awaiting training in the Christian life and for

Christian service; our schools are overflowing; a score of consecrated young men and women are offering themselves to the Board for the needed work; and untouched fields invite us to harvest. Need and opportunity never combined in such a challenge to Southern Baptists. Nothing less than immediate and immense enlargement can answer this challenge, and set us in a place of great honor, usefulness, and advantage for our gospel.

Shall we prove ourselves worthy of so signal a favor as God is ready to bestow upon us? We are sufficient in numbers, capable in talents and leadership and able in material resources. We can meet the challenge of a great opportunity if we will.

Gifts to the work advanced $44,000 last year over the previous year. But one-half of our people had no part in this advance, and consequently had no part in the blessed results accomplished, and will have no part in the glorious rewards to be bestowed.

Our task for the present year includes (1) The completion of the Judson Fund; (2) The enlistment of more than one-half of our church members who have not yet given anything for foreign missions; (3) The development of present givers into larger giving; (4) The inauguration in each church of a plan of systematic monthly giving and remitting for this cause, so that the work may be taken care of and debt and interest payments may be avoided. We commend these four objects to the thoughtful consideration of our pastors and churches.

In order to increase intelligence concerning this great work of the denomination, and to enable all our people to work together harmoniously toward the same end, we recommend and urge that the Foreign Mission Journal be taken and read by every Baptist family within our bounds; and to secure so desirable an end, we suggest that each pastor in the Association appoint a Committee in each church of which he is pastor, to canvass the membership with this object in view. All our people ought to be well informed about a work so great as this of giving the gospel to the lost nations, and the Journal is the publication which the denomination uses to give this information.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BLALOCK,
R. T. TEAGUE,
A. W. McDANIEL,
J. C. OWEN,
Committee.

Spoke to by W. R. Beach.

Pledges amounting to $77.00 were taken. Report adopted.

The place of holding the next Association is Bakersville, commencing on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1915.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION.

We, your Committee, recommend that the next Association be held with the Bakersville Baptist church at Bakersville, N. C., convening on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1915.

That Rev. S. M. Greene preach the Introductory sermon and Rev. J. C. Thomas be his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. DODSON,
L. H. GREENE,
S. M. GREENE,
Committee.

The following delegates were enrolled.

1. Bakersville—R. T. Teague, Rev. A. W. McDaniel, M. C. Pannell, W. F. Dodson, J. C. McBee, L. H. Greene.
2. Bear Creek—D. J. English, W. S. Duncan.
3. Big Rock Creek—Richard C. Greer.
4. Cane Creek—Fonzer Buchanan, Blain Buchanan, M. C. Ward.
5. Fork Mountain—J. H. Childress, David McKinney.
6. Gouges Chapel—
7. Mine Creek—S. G. Parsons, Arnold Gage, Reubin Gage.
8. Lilly Branch—Goodson Willis, H. G. Willis, D. T. Fortner, James Connally, C. C. Willis, David Hoyle, J. A. Gouge.
9. Roan Mountain—S. M. Green, Newton Young, J. C. Wilson.
10. Liberty Hill—J. H. Buchanan, Charles Woody, T. L. Cox.
11. McKinney Cove—Samuel McKinney, C. G. Ellis, M. A. Young.
12. Black Mountain—M. G. Queen, C. G. Willis.
13. Silver Chapel—W. J. Silver, M. A. Robinson, Rev. J. C. Thomas.
14. Cub Creek—Will Canipe, John Callahan, Ambrus Hoilman.
15. Hughes Chapel—Thomas Buchanan, Thomas Edwards.
16. White Oak—Milton Wilson, Jonathan Wilson.
17. Beaver Creek—
18. Spruce Pine—L. W. Berry, W. M. Greene.
19. Grassy Creek—Henry Willis, J. D. Washburn, Jno. McKinney.
20. Little Rock Creek—
21. Spring Creek—

Ordered by the Association that the Mitchell Collegiate Institute advertisement be placed on the back of our Minutes.

Report on Destitution read by S. M. Greene.

REPORT ON DESTITUTION.

Your committee on Destitution begs leave to submit the following report: We think it best not to undertake to do too much at once, in regard to supplying our destitute points, but would earnestly recommend Altapass as one of the most important places in the bounds of this Association, as it is destitute of Baptist preaching, and is likely to become a city before a great while. We would therefore earnestly recommend that this Association take some steps at this session to have a church organized or constituted there, and a lot procured and house built as soon as practicable.

Respectfully submitted,
S. M. GREENE,
J. C. THOMAS,
Committee.

Spoke to by W. R. Bradshaw.

Report on State of churches read by S. M. Greene.

REPORT ON STATE OF CHURCHES.

Your committee on the State of the Churches submit the following report: As far as our information is concerned, with very few exceptions, the churches seem to be advancing but very little in regards to the gifts for Missions, Orphanage, &c., while a few of the churches are paying their pastors a little better, but really not half what they ought to do, or could do. We would therefore, recommend that every church form some system by which every member might give something for the cause of the Master.

Respectfully submitted,
S. M. GREENE,
J. C. THOMAS,
Committee.

Report on Woman's Work read by Clerk.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We know there is a great work which the mothers and daughters can do in the bounds of the Roan Mountain Association, yet there is a lack of a leader and co-workers. The Ladies Missionary Society should be organized in every Baptist church in this Association.

Therefore, we recommend, That the pastors take up and attend to this much needed work.

Respectfully submitted,
L. H. GREENE,
J. C. THOMAS,
D. W. GREENE,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by J. C. Owen.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9 a. m., on September 19, 1914.

Morning Session.

September 19, 1914.

Met according to order. Opened by singing and devotional services conducted by J. C. Thomas.

The body was called to order by the Moderator.

Minutes read and approved.

Roll called and absentees checked.

Report on Sunday Schools read by R. T. Teague.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The most significant movement inaugurated among Southern Baptists is the Teacher Training work of the Sunday School Board. The almost universal cry in our Sunday Schools to-day is for trained teachers. For the most part our workers are consecrated, faithful, and earnest, but most of them need training. This course of study gives them at small cost, and in a practical way, just what they need. Many schools are engaged in it regularly. There are a few schools in which Teacher Training is as much a part of the work of the church as the school itself. By it we get efficiency and vision.

Many teachers and officers stop work every year, possibly 2,000 in Baptist Sunday Schools in North Carolina. We must have some workers to take their places. These need training. In every school young Christians ought to be selected and trained. This can be done in the regular Teacher Training Class at some hour during the week, or in a special class reciting during the Sunday School hour. We must begin this work of training workers for the future.

The finest field for giving vision and guaranteeing efficiency is the proposed work in our Baptist Colleges and Secondary Schools. This work is now a part of the curriculum of these institutions. With intellectual training goes preparation for effective work in churches and Sunday schools.

To succeed in this great undertaking means work. Paul told Timothy how to be an approved workman. He admonished him to "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

There are more than 25,000 who are, in a serious and intelligent way, equipping themselves for the responsibility of Sunday School teaching. The

number ought to be increased. We urge all pastors and Sunday School superintendents to stimulate local interest in this matter. Few lines of Christian activity will yield better results for the Kingdom. More and more it is borne upon us that the work of the Sunday School is the hope of the church, the denomination, and the Kingdom. Let all our churches and Sunday schools rally to the support of Secretary Middleton and the great cause which he represents so vital and essential in the extension of Christianity in the State. Institutes and training schools should be held once a year, at least, in every church.

It is important that Sunday Schools make reports of their work. For want of these reports more than half of our churches go down as non-Sunday School churches. Brethren, these things ought not so to be.

Respectfully submitted,
R. T. TEAGUE,
D. W. GREENE,
Committee.

Spoke to by R. T. Teague.
Report adopted on Sunday.
Report on State Missions read by W. R. Bradshaw.

STATE MISSIONS.

It is generally admitted that State Missions is fundamental. It lies at the base of all our enterprises. It strengthens the weak places in our work and steadies the hands of those who are almost overwhelmed by the odds against them. It is the big brother in the family who stands between the little brother and danger.

In the State we have felt the pressure of the strong arm of our State Mission Board about us. It ought to be, not the duty, but the joy of all our churches to line up with our State Mission work, and bear their support of the Board. It has been well said that "any church that does not line up with its sister churches in helping on the State Mission work writes its own obituary."

One hundred and fifty missionaries are at work in the State under the Board. These men of God preached more than 10,000 sermons and baptized more than 2,000 converts within the past year. Many of the sermons were preached in sections destitute of gospel privileges—some of these were won from families hostile to our faith. Nor have we seen the end of the labors of these heroes of the cross. The good seed they have sown will bear fruit through the coming years.

Our Baptist host is a mighty army as to numbers, but we are painfully lacking in efficiency. Our Board, always alert and intelligent, is addressing itself to the enlistment of the unenlisted, and calling out, as far as possible, those who have a name to live, but are dead. We heartily commend this part of the work, and pray that it may be vigorously presented during the coming year.

Compact fields, which mean better pastoral service and more efficient local organization, will be the hope, and claim the efforts of our Board through the coming year.

Our churches need to be aroused to their obligations to the State Board, and to the blessing that will come to them from a deeper interest in, and a consecration to, the work of giving the gospel to every human being in North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. BRADSHAW,
S. M. GREEN,
Committee.

Spoke to by W. R. Bradshaw.
Pledges taken amounting to $169.00.
Report adopted.

Sermon by Rev. J. C. Owen at 11 a. m.
Adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

September 19th, 1914.

Met according to adjournment. Opened by singing and prayer. Moderator called session to order.

Report on Ministerial Relief read by A. W. McDaniel and spoke to by A. W. McDaniel.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Since God has ordained that he that preaches the gospel should live of the gospel, it follows that those who enjoy this ministry must do it for others will not. Now if the minister comes to a place that he is no longer able to labor the churches are the natural ones to provide for him. The Baptists of North Carolina have established the Baptist ministers Relief Board and in 24 years has provided a sum of from $25.00 to $100.00 per year to more than 100 worthy subjects. The increased number of needy applicants and the increased cost of living has made it necessary to secure larger offerings. To meet this condition we urge our churches to contribute liberally to this cause. To help prevent the great need in the future we suggest that a better support through their active lives would enable the minister to put away a small pittance for his old age.

Respectfully submitted,
A. W. McDANIEL,
Committee.

Report on Temperance received.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We beg leave to report that we feel so much relieved on the account that we know and realize how much temperance has gained in the bounds of our Association, county and state, and we feel that we are due our members in the last legislature for laws effected, prohibiting the shipments of spirits into our territory. We urge all members of our church total abstinence.

Fraternally submitted,
J. C. BLAYLOCK,
T. H. GREENE,
Committee.

Report of Finance Committee received.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We have received from the churches the following:

Minutes	$ 19.05
Home Missions	16.50
State Missions	12.00
Foreign Missions	2.00
Orphanage	17.47
Total	$ 67.02

D. T. FORTNER,
CHARLES MOODY,
ANDERSON SPARKS,
Committee.

Report of Treasurer received.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The committee on Finance report that they have received the following and turned same over to treasurer:

Minutes	$ 19.05
Home Missions	16.50
State Missions	12.00
Foreign Missions	2.00
Orphanage	17.47
Total	$ 67.02

D. J. ENGLISH, Treasurer.

Collection taken to supplement the Minute fund amounted to $9.40.

Rev. A. W. McDaniel to preach at 11 a. m., on Sunday, September 20th, 1914.

RESOLUTION.

We, your committee, do hereby extend our thanks and appreciation to the good people of Lilly Branch community for the kindness shown the delegates, visiting and corresponding brethren while in their midst.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. TEAGUE,
WILL M. GREEN,
ANDERSON SPARKS,
Committee.

Motion carried that we adjourn to meet with Bakersville Baptist Church on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1915.

J. A. GOUGE, *Moderator.*

W. F. DODSON, *Clerk.*

PLEDGES OF THE CHURCHES IN RONE MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 13, 1915.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	Total.
Bakersville	$ 60.00	$ 20.00	$ 50.00	$ 20.00	$ 150.00
Bear Creek	15.00	10.00	20.00	15.00	50.00
Cane Creek	10.00	5.00	5.00	.....	20.00
Cub Creek	5.00	2.00	5.00	10.00	22.00
Fork Mountain	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	9.00
Liberty Hill	5.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	17.00
Lilly Branch	10.00	5.00	15.00	10.00	40.00
McKinney Cove	10.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	30.00
Mine Creek	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	20.00
Roan Mountain	10.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	35.00
Silver Chapel	3.00	2.00	5.00	15.00	25.00
Spring Creek	3.00	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Little Rock Creek	5.00	.....	5.00	.....	10.00
Spruce Pine	10.00	5.00	20.00	10.00	45.00
Big Rock Creek	5.00	2.50	5.00	5.00	17.50
Black Mountain	4.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	16.00
Hughes Chapel	2.00	.....	.....	.....	2.00
White Oak	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	8.00
Grassy Creek	.....	.....	5.00	5.00	10.00
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 539.50

TABLE I—STATISTICAL.

CHURCH.	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE.	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE.	Time of Preaching.	Value of Church Property.	Gains.			Losses.			Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total Membership.
					By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restora-	By Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Death.			
Bakersville		M. L. Wilson, Bakersville	2—4	$2000.00	5	4	1	7	....	1	46	74	120
Bear Creek	S. M. Greene, Clarissa	S. A. Sparks, Ledger	4	2000.00	32	5	10	3	....	2	.....	.....	333
Spruce Pine	L. H. Green, Bakersville	J. M. Ellis, Spruce Pine	2—4	2000.00	3	1	....	1	....	1	69	74	143
Cane Creek	Anderson Sparks, Ledger	C. H. Wise, Hawk	2	1500.00	8	1	1	4	3	3	92	152	234
Cub Creek	C. P. Holland, Boonford	Will Canipe, Toecane	....	400.00	5	....	3	3	....	1	.....	.....	148
Fork Mountain	C. H. McKinney, Bakersville	D. M. Cook, Little Rock Creek	2	500.00	1	....	2	....	....	1	53	102	155
Grassy Creek	S. M. Greene, Clarissa	J. D. Marshburn, Mica	....	.....	17	3	....	2	5	1	.....	.....	165
Liberty Hill	J. A. Gouge, Ledger	S. M. Sparks, Estatoe	2	.....	4	2	1	12	1	1	37	58	95
McKinney Cove	C. H. McKinney, Bakersville	W. A. McKinny, Bakersville	4	800.00	3	....	1	....	....	2	26	50	76
Mine Creek	W. B. Mull, Toecane	J. L. McNeill, Bakersville	1	500.00	5	....	1	7	....	2	75	101	176
Roan Mountain	S. M. Greene, Clarissa	J. Z. Singleton, Clarissa	....	.....	12	1	5	4	1	1	.....	.....	194
Silver Chapel	J. A. Gouge, Ledger	W. G. Gouge, Bandanna	2	1000.00	....	....	....	10	3	....	31	66	97
Big Rock Creek	W. M. Gold, Ellenboro	R. H. Bradshaw, Little Rock Creek	1	500.00	9	2	....	....	....	1	40	61	101
Lilly Branch	J. A. Gouge, Ledger	W. S. Greene, Wing	3	1000.00	6	11	3	8	....	6	64	80	144
Black Mountain	J. R. Waycaster, Mica	C. G. Willis, Little Switzerland	....	.....	....	....	....	8	....	1	25	24	49
Hughes Chapel	J. C. Thomas, Lunday	C. B. Johnson, Relief	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	18
White Oak	C. H. McKinney, Bakersville	Robert Wilson, Bakersville	....	.....	7	....	....	1	....	1	53	56	109

TABLE II—FINANCIAL.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairs.	Incidentals.	Sunday School Expenses.	The Poor.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday School Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Relief.	Colleges and Schools.	Other Objects.	Total.
Bakersville	$ 300.00	$.....	$30.00	$.....	$ 8.00	$ 2.00	$25.10	$50.00	$15.00	$.....	$22.80	$.....	$ 5.00	$ 125.00	$ 692.90
Bear Creek	60.00	.....	.....	.....	29.75	2.50	20.00	16.00	9.55	.....	15.00	.....	22.50	70.52	239.58
Spruce Pine	300.00	5.00	32.18	60.00	.....	1.00	90.27	10.00	10.00	15.60	10.00	2.50	36.05	.....	512.60
Cane Creek	60.00	.....	30.00	31.00	.....	.70	5.00	.....	5.00	.....	6.00	.....	.....	.....	136.95
Cub Creek	82.40	.....	.....	.....	82.25	1.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35.70	202.60
Fork Mountain	24.00	.....	5.00	4.25	.....	1.15	.....	.....	5.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	44.50
Grassy Creek	70.65	.....	.....	7.50	.....	1.20	5.00	5.00	5.00	.....	2.50	.....	.....	.....	96.85
Liberty Hill	42.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	.....	4.00	.....	.....	35.00	88.00
McKinney Cove	25.00	.....	1.50	17.00	.....	.50	3.00	3.00	2.00	.....	3.00	.....	3.25	4.60	62.80
Mine Creek	33.31	.....	5.00	.....	1.30	1.00	2.83	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	36.10	84.24
Roan Mountain	60.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	40.00	5.00	5.00	.....	8.25	.....	.....	.....	119.75
Silver Chapel	33.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.97	.....	.....	.....	38.94
Big Rock Creek	90.00	.....	.....	8.00	.....	1.50	.....	3.00	.....	.....	2.50	.....	.....	.....	105.00
Liberty Branch	50.00	65.00	10.00	10.00	6.50	1.65	10.00	10.00	10.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	183.15
Black Mountain	31.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	2.00	2.20	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	41.20
Hughes Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.50
White Oak	50.00	33.75	30.00	.....	.....	.45	.....	.....	1.00	.....	1.25	.....	.....	.....	116.00

MINUTES

of the

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

ROAN MOUNTAIN

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

held with

Bakersville Church, Bakersville, N. C.,

September 16, 17 and 18, 1915.

HON. CHAS. E. GREEN.....Moderator.
W. F. DODSON.....Clerk.
D. J. ENGLISH.....Treasurer.

Next session to be held with Little Rock Creek Church, beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1916.

L. H. Green to preach Introductory Sermon; J. C. Thomas, Alternate.

Goldsboro, N. C.
Nash Brothers, Printers and Binders
1915

RULES AND DECORUM OF THE ROAN MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. That the Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. That there be no conversing by the members, one with another, so as to interrupt business.

Art. 3. That any member wishing to speak, shall first rise to his feet, and address the Moderator.

Art. 4. That no member shall interrupt another while speaking.

Art. 5. That no member shall make remarks on another's manner of speaking or on their slips and blunders.

Art. 6. That we admit no other title to each other while in session but that of Brother.

Art. 7. That any member speaking, shall attend closely to the subject under consideration.

Art. 8. That no member shall speak more than three times on any one subject without leave of the Moderator.

Art. 9. That no member shall withdraw without leave of the Moderator.

Art. 10. That any motion made and seconded, shall be attended to except withdrawn by the person who made it.

Art. 11. That all motions made where the vote of the Association is taken, a majority shall be an act.

Art. 12. That the Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as another member, provided that the chair is filled.

Art. 13. That any member violating the above rules shall be admonished by the Moderator.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

R. T. Teague, Chairman.

M. L. Wilson,
John C. McBee, Secretary.
L. A. Berry,
Newton Young,

TRUSTEES MITCHELL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

L. A. Berry.....1915
J. H. Phillips.....1915
M. L. Wilson, Secretary.....1916
Brown McKinney.....1916
W. C. Berry.....1916
John C. McBee.....1917
S. J. Black.....1917
Rev. L. H. Green.....1917

PROCEEDINGS.

BAKERSVILLE, N. C., Sept. 16th, 1915.

The Roan Mountain Baptist Association convened with Bakersville Baptist church on Thursday, Sept. 16th, 1915, in its sixty-seventh annual session.

The Association was called to order and prayer by L. H. Green.

The Introductory sermon was preached by S. M. Green from 1st Peter 1:23.

Motion to adjourn until 2 p. m.

Assignment of delegates read by C. E. Green.

AFTERNOON.

September 16, 1915.

Met 2 p. m. Called to order by Moderator. Call for letters. Received 15. Letters read and received newly constituted churches. Snow Hill and Rebbles Creek. Motion carried we nominate candidates for Moderator. The election of Moderator by acclamation resulted in the election of Chas. E. Green and W. F. Dodson, Clerk; and D. J. English, Treasurer.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

On State Missions—S. M. Willis, S. M. Green, S. J. Turner, S. P. Green.
On Home Missions—C. P. Holland, Dr. W. E. Brown, W. S. Buchanan.
On Foreign Missions—Prof. R. T. Teague, J. C. Blalock, J. A. Gouge, J. K. Haynes.
On Education—Dr. W. E. Brown, D. P. Thomas, J. C. Thomas, R. T. Teague.
On Biblical Recorder—W. R. Beach, C. P. Holland.
On Orphanage—M. L. Kessler, D. M. Cook, J. M. Francis, S. W. Cox.
On Ministerial Relief—S. M. Green, S. M. Willis, S. P. Green, M. L. Green.
On State of Churches—Chas. McKinny, Reuben Young, C. E. Young.
On Distribution—L. H. Green, Zeb. Wilson, R. G. Wilson.
On Nominations—M. L. Buchanan, S. J. Black, M. L. Wilson.
On Resolutions—M. L. Buchanan, Dave McKinney, Si Childress.
On Preaching—M. L. Buchanan, and Delegates of Baptist Church.
On Program—R. T. Teague, L. H. Green, Isaac Grindstaff.
On Time, Place and Preacher—M. L. Buchanan, D. P. Thomas, C. H. McKinny, Grant Burleson.
On Finance—W. M. Green, Clyde Robertson, Charles Ellis, S. M. Green.
On Mitchell Collegiate Institute—Dr. W. E. Brown, D. P. Thomas, R. T. Teague, J. C. Thomas.
On Temperance—J. C. Blalock, J. A. Gouge, W. B. Mull.
On Woman's Work—J. A. Gouge, W. G. Turbyfill, Thos. Buchanan.
On Sunday Schools—M. L. Wilson, L. B. Jarrett, W. B. Green, J. C. Thomas.

The Moderator called for corresponding and visiting brethren. The following responded: W. R. Beach, *Biblical Recorder*.

Motion carried that Bro. W. R. Beach preach tonight at 7:30 p. m.

The report on the *Biblical Recorder* was read by W. R. Beach.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

The Biblical Recorder has already entered upon its eighty-second year as organ of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. During all the years it has sought to be true to its name and mission in earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the Saints, and in giving the information needful in our work as well unifying the brethren in all sections of our convention, thus bringing about a co-operation that has meant much in the growth of the Kingdom. It enables us to look upon the fields of opportunity and know our duty. The Biblical Recorder has a peculiar claim upon our people because it is the only paper directly under the control of the Baptist State Convention and answerable to it in all things. We are morally under obligation to support and make it under God what it should be in the work of the Master at home and abroad.

Again this is a reading age and it behooves us to be on the alert and watchful of what our people read. "Blessed is he that readeth good literature." Our actions are largely the result of the reading we do and if we read trash it will tell in the lack of interest and the breeding of crime and lawlessness. We earnestly ask the pastors in this Association to endeavor to place the Recorder in the homes of our people, for it can never serve the cause as it should until more widely read.

W. R. BEACH,
C. P. HOLLAND,
A. GREEN, Committee.

Spoken to by W. R. Beach and M. L. Buchanan. Report adopted.
Report on Program read by R. T. Teague. Report adopted.
Adjourned to 9:00 a. m.

MORNING SESSION.

September 17th, 1915.

Met according to adjournment.

Devotional services conducted by J. K. Haynes.

The Moderator called for corresponding and visiting brethren: The following responded: Rev. J. K. Haynes from Holston Association in Tennessee; M. L. Kessler, Orphanage; A. E. Brown, Home Mission Board; S. T. Hensley, of Yancey County Association; Hon. E. Y. Webb, of Kings Mountain Association.

Motion carried that we take this 10 a. m. for Orphanage.

Minutes approved.

Reception of letters asked for and received 4.

The report on Orphanage was read by M. L. Kessler.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Our Orphanage is the keystone in the arch of Christian service. If this stone is properly placed all the others in the arch will hold firmly, if it is improperly placed the whole structure is in danger.

Love for the Orphanage among our brethren is intense but not universal. The great need is to lay upon the heart of every church and Sunday school

the Orphanage obligation. If this consummation is ever reached the problem for ample support for the institution will be solved.

Owing to the large advance that has been made within the past year the Orphanage is heavily in debt. This brings the unpleasant necessity of making a large outlay for interest on borrowed money, which goes to banks instead of to the children. This ought not so to be. We are abundantly able to pay every dollar the institution owes this year, and if able, we ought to be willing.

It is proposed to our people that the income of one day be sacredly set aside, at or near Thanksgiving day, and devoted to the Orphanage. If this would seize the hearts of our people, and every man, woman and child would enter heartily into this loving service, every dollar of debt would be wiped out, and the institution would be free from the bondage that now hampers its work and curtails its usefulness.

We earnestly urge every member of the churches of this association to join this "work day" movement and give the proceeds of one day's labor or income to the Orphanage. We may do more but we should not do less.

Every Sunday School ought to set aside one Sunday in each month as Orphanage day and give the members an opportunity to make a contribution to the Orphanage. Only a little over one third of our Baptist Sunday schools are enrolled among this loyal band of monthly givers.

Every Sunday school ought to take a club of Charity and Children and an individual copy for pastors and homes that are not represented in the Sunday school. The paper is the right arm of the institution, and aside from the information and inspiration it furnishes, produces a good dividend for the support of the Orphanage.

During its thirty years of continued growth the institution has sheltered and trained over 1600 boys and girls, who are now out in the state as teachers, preachers, doctors, printers, farmers, business men and fathers and mothers of happy homes. There are nine in various colleges and about a dozen in the denominational high schools. The present number is 500—450 at Thomasville, 50 at Kennedy Home—with an average cost of $113.28 per child or 31 cents the day, aggregating an annual cost of $56,640.00.

Our Orphanage has been enlarged and still the task looms before us as just begun. We urge every member of this Association that they regard the Orphanage in larger terms as an opportunity unparallelled. This waiting door stands too wide for "same as last year" contributions to ever satisfy any working body of Baptists.

Your committee recommend:

1. A liberal Thanksgiving offering emphasizing the importance of "WORK DAY" giving not less than one day's labor or income to the Orphanage.
2. That every Sunday school will sacredly set apart the collection of one Sunday in each month for the support of the Orphanage.
3. That every Sunday school take a club of Charity and Children.

M. L. KESSLER,
D. M. COOK,
J. M. FRANCIS,
S. W. COX, Committee.

Spoken to by M. L. Kessler. Report adopted.

Motion carried that we take pledges for the Orphanage, which amounted to $203.00.

Report on Foreign Missions read by Prof. R. T. Teague.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our foreign mission work is the effort on our part to carry out the last command of our Lord and Master to go into all the world and make disciples

of all nations. The challenge of the hour to all our churches is the present call of our foreign mission work. The conditions of the world today are giving tremendous emphasis to the fact that all men need a simple New Testament religion. The non-Christian nations are awakening in a wonderful way and enquiring for the path of peace and the way of life. The doors are wide open. The people are more accessible than ever before. The harvest fields are now white unto harvest and we should thrust in the sickle and reap on a scale that will far transcend anything in the past.

The Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va., is composed of eighteen local members and eighteen state members representing each state in co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention. This Board is conducting work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, China, Japan, and Africa. In these fields the missionaries reported last year 382 churches with 819 out-stations, 33,584 church members, 442 Sunday Schools with 23,959 pupils and 8,833 students in mission schools, 384 of whom are in theological seminaries and training schools preparing to preach the gospel to their own people. There are 300 missionaries on the fields, 20 of whom were sent out during the past year. We have 651 native workers. Notwithstanding difficult conditions on many of the fields caused by the European War and the injury to the work in Mexico from chaotic political conditions in that country, 5,190 baptisms were reported during the year.

The distressing financial conditions throughout the South created by the war in Europe caused a falling off in contributions to foreign missions last year. Many of the churches made heroic and sacrificial efforts but some of them were not able to keep up their usual contributions. This will make it more difficult for us to maintain the work this year unless God's people meet the situation in a still more heroic spirit. The Convention in Houston asked for an apportionment of $624,000 for foreign missions this year. Every dollar of it will be needed to carry on the work successfully. Our supreme task now should be the raising of the apportionment as a minimum in every association. Our apportionment is $100. We should not for one moment think of anything less, and we ought to do much more than this.

We therefore recommend:

1. That as an association we undertake to raise for foreign missions our apportionment of $100; that this amount be divided among the churches on an equitable basis; that each church be asked to contribute its part and more if possible; that each church inaugurate a plan of systematic weekly or monthly giving and remitting for this cause so that the work may be taken care of and debt and interest payments may be avoided.

2. That in each church in the association the Pastor appoint a committee to canvass the membership with a view to securing a subscription to the Foreign Mission Journal in every Baptist family within our bounds so that our people may be more fully informed as to our world-wide work.

R. T. TEAGUE,
J. C. BLALOCK,
J. A. GOUGE, Committee.

Spoken to by R. T. Teague and H. K. Haynes. Report adopted. Motion to adjourn until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

September 17, 1915.

Met according to adjournment. Opened by singing and prayer by S. T. Hensley. The body was called to order by the Moderator.

Motion carried that we take pledges for Foreign Missions. Pledges amounting to $133.20.

Motion carried that the report on Education be discussed.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Christian education is training directed by Christian teachers under Christian surroundings from a Christian view-point. Its instruction should have the Bible for its foundation.

Is there a Bible doctrine of education? A doctrine has biblical support when any one or all of the following assertions may be correctly made regarding it: First, that it is explicitly and expressly taught in the Bible as true; second, that we have in the Bible clear examples of conduct on the part of the inspired men which necessarily involve or imply the doctrine; third, that it is inevitably or necessarily to be inferred from or implied in other doctrines or teachings or facts of revelation; fourth, that it necessarily arises in the effort of Christians to obey the commands of God as set forth in the Bible; and, fifth, that it is constantly assumed and acted upon in the conduct and teaching of biblical writers.

It is a sufficient warrant for the claim that a doctrine is biblical if any one or more of the above claims may be successfully maintained. Our position is that every one of these things may be truthfully maintained with regard to the idea of a Bible doctrine of education. Education, in a real and true sense, is expressly taught; there are examples in abundance to show that education was approved; there are other teachings in which it is necessarily applied; without it obedience to divine commands is impossible; and it is everywhere assumed in the Scriptures. If all this does not show that education is a Bible doctrine, it would be difficult to conceive what is required to show that anything else can be so regarded.

It is scarcely necessary to add to the above presentation of the subject that in order to carry out the biblical program for the salvation of the world and the coming of the Kingdom, we must make education an organic part of our Christian denominational work. Christian schools are as truly agencies of the Kingdom as any others we possess. It is suicidal, therefore, to omit it from our plans for denominational benevolence. Our schools should be fostered not only by our prayers and sympathies, but by regular contributions. Education should have its place on the calendars of our churches, and be presented just as the various forms of missions and other benevolent enterprises of the Kingdom are presented at stated times.

R. T. TEAGUE,
A. E. BROWN,
D. P. THOMAS,
J. C. THOMAS, Committee.

Spoken to by R. T. Teague, Dr. V. E. Brown, M. L. Buchanan.

Report received and adopted.

Report on Place and Time of holding the next Association. Motion carried.

REPORT ON PLACE FOR NEXT SESSION.

We, the Committee on Place of holding the next session have selected Little Rock Creek, N. C. P. O. Glen Ayre.

Rev. L. H. Green to preach the introductory sermon; J. C. Thomas, Alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. BUCHANAN,
D. P. THOMAS,
C. H. McKINNY,
GRANT BURLESON,
Committee.

Motion carried that 12 committeemen be appointed to have reports at our next regular session prepared and ready for our opening day.

The Moderator to have the appointments.

Motion to adjourn to 9 a. m.

MORNING SESSION.

September 18th, 1915.

Met according to adjournment. Opened by singing and devotional services conducted by J. A. Gouge. The session was called to order by the Moderator.

Minutes read and approved.

Roll call and absentees checked. Letter of Cub Creek read and received. Report on Education read by R. T. Teague and adopted.

Appointments of Chairman for various committees to report at our next annual session was read by the Moderator.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE CHAIR.

The following permanent Committees are appointed by the Chair:
On State Missions—Rev. S. M. Green and S. J. Black.
On Home Missions—M. L. Wilson and L. H. Green.
On Foreign Missions—Rev. J. C. Thomas and Rev. J. C. Blalock.
On Education—Chas. G. Ellis and Rev. M. L. Buchanan.
On Biblical Recorder—Rev. Isaac Grindstaff and D. W. Green.
On Orphanage—W. F. Dodson and Rev. C. P. Holland.
On Ministerial Relief—Rev. Chas. H. McKinney and L. A. Berry.
On State of Churches—L. H. Green, Rev. R. M. Young.
On Temperance—Rev. J. A. Gouge, Rev. W. S. Buchanan.
On Mitchell Collegiate Institute—R. T. Teague and Rev. S. M. Green.
On Woman's Work—Rev. W. S. Buchanan and A. G. Buchanan.
On Sunday Schools—W. C. Berry and Adam Buchanan.

Report on State Missions read by S. M. Green.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions is the effort of our people to give the gospel to the destitute sections of our own State. Our last Convention authorized the board to lay out the work on the basis of $50,000 expenditure. The destitution is mostly in the eastern part of the State but factory towns and other new enterprises are making it necessary to maintain the work in other parts, especially the Piedmont section. The average for western North Carolina is one in every four of the population is a member of a Baptist church while for the entire State it is one in every six and in twenty counties in the east there is only one in thirty-eight. It is very important that this object be stressed by every pastor and a good collection taken before November the 1st.

Respectfully submitted,
S. M. GREEN, Chmn.,
G. M. WILLIS,
S. P. GREEN,
M. L. GREEN, Committee.

Spoken to by S. T. Hensley, J. C. Thomas. Report adopted.

Motion carried that the chairman of the Executive Committee ask

the State Board for funds contributed by Roan Mountain Association for destitute places which they designate.

The following delegates were enrolled:

DELEGATES ENROLLED.

Bakersville—Chas. E. Green, W. F. Dodson, R. T. Teague, J. S. Poteat, S. J. Turner, M. L. Buchanan, M. L. Wilson, S. J. Black.
Bear Creek—S. M. Willis, D. J. English, J. A. Buchanan.
Black Mountain—M. L. Queen.
Big Rock Creek—L. W. Garland, Thomas Green, Edward Gouge.
Cane Creek—S. P. Green, A. E. Buchanan, J. B. McKinney.
Fork Mountain—D. M. Cook, D. M. McKinney, Moses McKinney, James Jones, S. Childress.
Forbes Chapel—Grant Burleson, Robert Fry, Monroe Yelton.
Grassy Creek—G. R. Dale, Waitsell McKinney.
Hughes Chapel—W. G. Turbyfill, John Thomas, Thomas Buchanan.
Lilly Branch—James P. Thomas, L. B. Jarrett.
Little Rock Creek—D. P. Thomas, J. A. Buchanan, W. M. Ellis, J. M. Ayres, Bernie Green, H. B. Buchanan.
Liberty Hill—S. W. Cox.
McKinney Cove—C. H. McKinney, P. M. Wilson, A. A. Ellis, Chas. G. Ellis.
Mine Creek—W. B. Green, Malone Thomas, S. G. Parsons.
Roan Mountain—S. M. Green, L. H. Green, W. S. Buchanan, M. L. Buchanan, R. M. Young, S. N. Young, A. Green, J. C. Wilson, R. Johnson.
Silver Chapel—Clyde ,Robertson, W. J. Hensley.
Snow Hill—Zeb Wilson, S. J. Blalock.
Spruce Pine—W. M. Green.
Spring Creek—J. M. Francis, Dock Butler.
Rebbles Creek —J. E. Young, John H. Willis.
White Oak—R. V. Wilson, R. G. Wilson, Stephen Buchanan.
Cub Creek—C. P. Holland, Natt. Webb, J. B. Sparks, Walter Webb.
Gouge's Chapel—W. B. Robinson, E. W. Forbes.

The report on Mitchell Collegiate Institute was read by Dr. A. E. Brown.

REPORT ON MITCHELL INSTITUTE.

Our school closed last Spring a most successful session. We employed four teachers and enrolled in the regular departments 94 students, 21 students in the Music department, and 92 students in the Normal department. Two students completed the regular course of studies and received certificates of graduation. As an evidence of the splendid religious influences 22 of the pupils professed conversion during the session.

Departments in Bible, Missions and Sunday School teacher training were maintained in which the instruction and interest and progress was gratifying.

The school is now equipped with one of the best school buildings in this part of the state also with dormitory facilities for both boys and girls.

Needs.—The school greatly needs a water and sewer system and this can be supplied at a moderate cost. The campus needs beautifying and to be provided with concrete walks. Already a subscription has been begun to provide these much needed improvements. The school building should be provided with a modern heating plant. Society halls are provided in the new administration building but they have not been furnished. The societies are doing splendid work and should be encouraged by having their halls suitably equipped.

The present session has opened with fine prospects. The faculty has been greatly strengthened by the addition of Miss Lucy Jessie and Miss Doralee Vause.

Spoken to by Jesse Green, Miss Gladis Black, Carl Pritchard, Miss Myrtle Young, students of the Institute, which were delightfully heard by the body. Also W. E. Brown and R. T. Teague.

Resolution read by M. L. Buchanan offered and adopted:

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Baptists of Mitchell County are strong enough to be entitled to at least one member of the Board of Education of this county, and that we stand firmly and demand the same regardless of politics.

Resolved further, That we support men of our respective parties for our county chairman who will agree to give us at least one member on the Board of Education.

Resolved further, That we elect a member to represent us in the next General Assembly, who will agree to use his influence to give us our above demands.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. CHILDRESS,
D. M. McKINNY,
M. L. BUCHANAN,
Committee.

Your Committee on Resolutions offer the following, viz:

Resolved, That this Association take a firmer stand in the future against intoxicating liquors, the use of profane language, and public drunkenness by assisting our Solicitor in procuring evidence against said offences and by taking said offences in charge so far as it reasonably can.

That the delegates of this Association be advised to recommend to their respective churches a firmer stand in the future in favor of sober men for public officers, regardless of politics and thereby save us from a coming shame and a public disgrace.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. CHILDRESS,
D. M. McKINNEY,
M. L. BUCHANAN,
Committee.

Motion carried that a copy of this resolution be sent to the *Biblical Recorder* and a synopsis of Dr. Brown's speech also to our county paper the *Mitchell Banner.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

September 18th, 1915.

Met at 1:30. Called to order by the Moderator.

Report on Woman's Work was read by the Clerk:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The Woman's Missionary Union is an organization for the systematic study of Missions and the regular scriptural plan of contributing. It consists of the Woman's Missionary Societies, Young Woman's Auxiliaries, Royal Ambassadors, and Sunbeams, of which there are between twelve and fifteen hundred in the State. It seems that there are none of these societies in this association. Why is this true? Who is in fault? Your committee would urge the pastors to keep this matter before the women of their respective

churches and urge them to organize and get ready as soon as possible for an associational organization.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. GOUGE,
W. G. TURBYFILL,
THOS. BUCHANAN,
Committee.

Report on State of the Churches read by S. M. Green:

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Your committee on the State of the Churches submit the following report: So far as our information is concerned there have been a considerable increase in members to our churches and further believe that there has been some increase in gifts. From reliable information we understand that in some of our churches there are seeds of discord being sown by a doctrine contrary to the tenets of the Baptist faith being preached, which we fear is calculated to do a great deal of injury to the Baptist cause. Therefore, your committee would recommend that this Association take into consideration the matter and appoint a committee to investigae and report against the next annual session of this body.

Respectfully submitted,
S. M. GREEN,
C. K. McKINNEY,
R. M. YOUNG,
C. E. YOUNG, Committee.

Committee appointed on investigation: S. M. Green, Chairman, R. T. Teague, J. A. Gouge, Isaac Grindstaff, L. H. Green.

Nominations read and approved:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations submit the following, viz.:

That the number of Trustees for Mitchell Collegiate Institute be increased to fifteen and their successors be made ex-officio members of said Board of Trustees and further that five members of said Board together with either the said Superintendent or Principal constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Trustees selected for three years: L. F. Burleson, R. H. Bradshaw, Chas. E. Green, D. J. English, L. A. Berry.

Selected for two years: W. A. Robinson, M. L. Buchanan.

Selected for one year: William Turbyfill, J. A. Gouge.

Executive Committee to serve one year: R. T. Teague, Chairman; John C. McBee, Secretary; Newton Young, L. A. Berry and M. L. Wilson, and that said committee shall have control over State Missions and Educational funds.

And further, that each of the trustees and executive committee shall have a right to fill vacancies in their respective bodies.

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. WILSON,
S. J. BLACK,
M. L. BUCHANAN,
Committee.

The following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, the Baptists are the most numerous body of Christians in Mitchell County—numbering over 2,500 members, and

Whereas, they have always taken the lead in promoting education, both public and private, and

Whereas, the have operated for sixteen years the Mitchell Collegiate Institute, the only school of Academic grade in the county, and have contributed liberally of their means in providing said school with splendid buildings and employing well trained and efficient teachers, and

Whereas, we have for the past two years conducted a teacher training department in said school for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of the free school teachers, and

Whereas, about ninety per cent of the teachers of the county have been taught in said school; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we consider that the Baptists have been unfairly discriminated against when they are designedly left without representation on the Board of Education of the county.

Respectfully submitted,
D. M. McKINNEY,
J. H. CHILDRESS,
M. L. BUCHANAN,
Committee.

RESOLUTION.

We, your committee hereby extend our thanks and appreciations to the good people of Bakersville for their kindness shown the delegates, visiting and corresponding brethren while in their session.

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. BUCHANAN,
D. M. McKINNEY,
S. CHILDRESS, Committee.

Report on Temperance was read by the Clerk:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We as a committee on Temperance feel that great good has been accomplished in the past along the line of Temperance legislation by our Legislators. To them we owe a great favor. We earnestly pray that national prohibition will come at a soon date. We urge our members to be temperate in all things. In the bounds of our association there has been quite an advancement along the line of Temperance in the last few years.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. BLALOCK,
J. A. GOUGE,
W. B. GREEN, Committee.

Report on Destitution was read by L. H. Green:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DESTITUTION.

Your committee on destitution beg leave to report: The bounds of our Association is small, notwithstanding we have some destitution. The lower end of our county is practically destitute of Baptist preaching. We have one church that is struggling for life. They need help and your committee recommends that this Association help them in putting them on their feet for existence. We have a large territory on Big Rock Creek. We would ask the Association to consider the propriety of putting a missionary in the district.

Also Altepass is destitute of Baptist preaching.

L. H. GREEN,
R. G. WILSON, Committee.

Report on Home Missions adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

To save our own country for Jesus Christ is in itself a task worthy of our best efforts. To save our country and to save the world is the largest task before the American Christians. Home Missions are the organized efforts of American Christians to save our own land. Southern Baptist Home Mission efforts center in our Home Mission Board. This Board has its headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. It is composed of 45 of our wisest and best men who are elected annually by the Southern Baptist Convention. It conducts mission work in 18 States, in Cuba and in Panama. Your committee would recommend: At this Association raise $150.00 for Home Missions for the coming year; that each church appoint at its next meeting a member whose duty it shall be to put the Home Field and other Home Mission literature in every home.

Respectfully submitted,
C. P. HOLLAND,
W. S. BUCHANAN,
Committee.

Spoken to by W. S. Buchanan. Also A. E. Brown, J. C. Blalock. Pledges taken amounted to $190.00.

Report on Sunday Schools read by M. L. Wilson. Report adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In 1913 there were 1,934 schools, and in 1914, 2,052; a gain of 118. There were reported 111 branch or mission schools. At least 75 new schools were organized last year, and to date this year about 60 new schools.

The total membership last year was 201,224, a gain of 10,443 over 1913. Of the enrollment not over 90,000 were church members, and 111,000 unsaved people. What a harvest field! This leaves 166,000 church members not in any Sunday school.

There are now possibly not over 75 churches where Sunday schools could be organized. There are 50 or more where public worship of all kinds has been suspended, and a few others that have schools and do not report them.

The schools are growing in benevolence. Last year they gave nearly $40,000 to Convention objects, besides paying for their own local expenses. Every school ought to use the plan of "Systematic Giving in the Sunday school" adopted by the last Baptist State Convention.

There are many evidences of general efficiency as attested by the increased number of A-1 Sunday Schools, the growth of Teacher Training, the registration of organized classes, taking of religious census, grading schools, etc.

Some Things We Ought To Do.

1. See that there is a perennial Sunday school in every church and at such mission points as are necessary.

2. Enlist thousands of the 166,000 church members in no Sunday school. We need them to help in the work of the Sunday school and they need the Sunday school for the fellowship, training and Bible study they can get.

3. Improve the organizations and equipment of all schools. Let this include due emphasis on class organization. See that all classes now organized shall register with the "Convention Adult Bible Class Department" and that other classes shall be organized, using the class plans fostered by the Southern Baptists—Berean for young men, Fidelis for young women, etc.

4. See that full information is secured about Teacher Training, the plan for Normal Classes among the present and prospective teachers and officers.

6. Urge all workers to buy books or secure free tracts for their respective departments. The books can be bought from the Sunday school Board at

Nashville, and the tracts secured free from your Sunday School Secretary in Raleigh.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. WILSON,
L. B. JARRETT,
W. G. GREEN,
J. C. THOMAS, Committee.

The Treasurer's report was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Finance Committee reports receiving the following:

Minutes	$ 20.45
Home Missions	32.40
State Missions	30.80
Foreign Missions	15.00
Orphanage	38.00
Total	$ 136.65

D. J. ENGLISH, Treasurer.

Bakersville Church supplement the Minute Fund $10.00 to pay Clerk.

Motion carried to have advertisement of Mitchell Collegiate Institute inserted in back of Minutes.

Dr. W. E. Brown will preach at 10:30 a. m. on Sunday, September 19th, 1915.

This was one of the very best Associations ever held in Mitchell County. Harmony and brotherly love prevailing.

Motion carried to adjourn to convene with Little Rock Creek Baptist Church on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1916.

HON. CHAS. E. GREEN, *Moderator.*

W. F. DODSON, *Clerk.*

The Roan Mountain Association at its sixty-seventh annual session which convened with Bakersville Baptist Church on Sept. 16, 1915, in perfecting the organization the selection of Hon. Chas. E. Green, a lay member, was something new in this body of Baptist people.

Mr. Green is a son of Rev. L. H. Green, one of our beloved pastors, who before has been Moderator of our Association for a number of terms and Hon. Chas. E. Green was no apprentice at his new job.

Brother Green is a member of Bakersville Baptist Church and is always at his place of duty with works and gives the tenth of his income to Christian purposes. He is a distinguished lawyer, practicing in our State and Federal Courts as well as in other States.

It was said by all that Roan Mountain Association had this session one of the very best Moderators we have ever had.

We feel sure that we speak for all of Mitchell county, for one coming in contact with Brother Green cannot help but feel the touch of Brotherly love which he is so bountifully blessed with. In his every day walks he is an example that all should strive to imitate. We hope he may be able to accomplish great good for the Roan Mountain Association and his efforts will meet the approval of all.

May he never falter but always remember in whom he places his trust.

W. F. Dodson, *Clerk.*

PLEDGES OF THE CHURCHES IN ROAN MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 13, 1916.

Churches.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	Total.
Bakersville	$60.00	$50.00	$50.00	$50.00	$ 210.00
Bear Creek	15.00	10.00	20.00	15.00	60.00
Black Mountain	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	20.00
Big Rock Creek	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	20.00
Cane Creek	10.00	2.00	5.00	15.00	32.00
Cub Creek	5.00	2.00	3.00	5.00	15.00
Fork Mountain	5.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	19.00
Forbes Chapel	5.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	11.00
Grassy Creek	5.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	17.00
Hughes Chapel	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	6.00
Lilly Branch	10.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	35.00
Little Rock Creek	5.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	25.00
Liberty Hill	5.00	2.00	2.00	5.00	14.00
McKinney Cove	5.00	2.00	2.00	5.00	14.00
Mine Creek	5.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	19.00
Roan Mountain	10.00	10.00	10.00	15.00	45.00
Silver Chapel	5.00	3.00	2.00	10.00	20.00
Snow Hill	2.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	9.00
Spruce Pine	10.00	10.00	20.00	10.00	50.00
Spring Creek	5.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	12.00
Rebbles Creek	5.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	19.00
White Oak	2.00	2.00	2.00	5.00	11.00
	186.00	126.00	157.00	214.00	677.00

TABLE II—FINANCIAL.

Churches.	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairs.	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses.	The Poor.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday School Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Relief.	Colleges and Schools.	Other Objects.	Total.
Bakersville	$ 2.00	$.....	$29.19	$.....	$.....	$ 1.60	$50.00	$87.50	$20.00	$.....	$27.95	$.....	$134.56	$.....	$ 541.54
Bear Creek	91.30	.....	.....	.....	3.67	2.15	10.00	20.09	25.34	.....	15.04	10.00	.....	16.00	242.59
Black Mountain	58.62	.....	8.12	4.00	.....	.50	.....	2.90	.....	.....	5.00	.....	2.00	.....	81.14
Big Rock Creek	25.00	.....	.....	6.40	.....	.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32.10
Cane Creek	44.25	.....	.....	50.85	.....	1.15	5.00	5.00	5.00	.....	6.00	.....	.....	21.00	167.49
Cub Creek	50.00	30.00	.....	30.00	10.00	.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	23.00	159.70
Fork Mountain	30.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	.....	3.00	.....	.....	10.00	55.00
Forbes Chapel	49.00	7.50	.....	6.00	.....	.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63.00
Gouges Chapel	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.00
Grassy Creek	53.65	.....	.....	6.00	.....	1.50	6.00	2.50	2.00	.....	11.00	.....	.....	.....	80.15
Hughes Chapel	41.86	.....	.....	3.32	.....	.50	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.75	57.43
Lilly Branch	60.00	40.00	.....	16.00	.....	1.05	15.00	10.50	10.00	.....	15.00	.....	5.00	.....	212.55
Little Rock Creek	30.00	.....	8.00	9.00	.....	1.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57.00	105.25
Liberty Hill	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.30	5.00	5.00	2.50	.....	11.34	.....	5.00	.....	81.84
McKinny Cove	25.00	.....	25.00	8.50	.....	.50	2.00	1.00	3.00	.....	5.00	.....	11.00	48.75	118.75
Mine Creek	60.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.00	96.00	164.00
Roan Mountain	100.00	.....	12.00	.....	.....	1.55	10.00	10.00	5.00	.....	10.86	.....	11.00	.....	160.41
Silver Chapel	45.00	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.36	.....	.....	.....	68.36
Snow Hill	36.00	500.00	.....	9.00	.....	.85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	545.85
Spruce Pine	150.00	.....	50.00	150.00	.....	1.00	20.00	10.00	5.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	40.00	436.00
Spring Creek	40.00	10.00	.....	.....	15.00	.75	1.00	.....	1.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....	100.00	168.75
Rebbles Creek	50.00	.....	99.03	20.02	.....	1.00	2.12	.....	.....	.....	10.89	.....	.....	15.00	198.06
White Oak	36.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	46.00

TABLE III—STATISTICAL.

Church.	Pastor and Postoffice.	Clerk and Postoffice.	Time of Preaching.	Value Church Property.	Gains. By Baptism.	Gains. By Letter.	Gains. By Restoration.	Losses. By Letter.	Losses. By Exclusion.	Losses. By Death.	Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total Membership.
1—Bakersville	M. L. Buchanan, Bakersville	M. L. Wilson, Bakersville	2—4	$ 200	5	1	..	12	..	..	43	71	114
2—Bear Creek	A. F. Sparks, Ledger	S. A. Sparks, Ledger	4	200	27	2	8	25	7	5	145	181	326
3—Black Mountain	J. C. Thomas, Lunday	C. G. Willis, Little Switzerland	2	400	2	3	..	..	1	2	26	28	54
4—Big Rock Creek	L. H. Green, Bakersville	R. H. Bradshaw, Forbes	....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	2	36	40	76
5—Cane Creek	A. F. Sparks, Ledger	J. B. McKinney, Hawk	2	1500	15	..	..	15	2	..	95	150	245
6—Cub Creek	C. P. Holland, Toecane	Natt. Webb, Toecane	4	300	..	..	..	2	..	3	34	45	79
7—Fork Mountain	C. H. McKinney, Bakersville	D. M. Cook, Little Rock Creek	2	1000	10	..	2	2	5	..	53	104	157
8—Forbes Chapel	C. F. Holland, Toecane	Monroe Yeton, Forbes	3	250	10	3	2	..	..	..	16	23	39
9—Gouges Chapel	C. C. Cook, Toecane	Lillie Robinson, Roan Mount'n	4	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	30	52
10—Grassy Creek	S. M. Green, Clarissa	Iula Washburn, Mica	2	800	..	3	1	6	5	4	50	106	156
11—Hughes Chapel	J. C. Thomas, Lunday	C. B. Johnson, Relief	4	.....	..	5	..	..	..	..	7	15	22
12—Lilly Branch	J. A. Gouge, Wing	D. W. Green, Wing	3	800	..	1	..	14	..	3	52	75	127
13—Little Rock Creek	C. H. McKinney, Bakersville	J. A. Buchanan, Glen Ayr	1	1000	21	..	5	..	2	2	55	65	120
14—Liberty Hill	J. A. Gouge, Wing	S. W. Sparks, Estatoe	2	500	..	..	..	5	..	..	34	57	91
15—McKinney Cove	C. H. McKinney, Bakersville	W. A. McKinney, Bakersville	4	1000	13	1	2	1	..	1	36	54	90
16—Mine Creek	W. B. Mull, Toecane	E. W. Greene, Toecane	....	.....	6	1	..	10	2	6	70	85	155
17—Roan Mountain	S. M. Green, Clarissa	J. Z. Singleton, Clarissa	3	1800	18	7	2	3	..	1	....	....	217
18—Silver Chapel	W. B. Mull, Toecane	D. C. Henson, Bandana	4	1200	2	..	..	4	..	..	33	66	99
19—Snow Hill	J. A. Gouge, Wing	W. L. Wilson, Ledger	1	800	..	30	..	..	..	..	11	19	30
20—Spruce Pine	L. H. Green, Bakersville	Geo. W. Green, Spruce Pine	1	2000	14	12	..	1	..	2	64	106	170
21—Spring Creek	C. H. McKinney, Bakersville	Sam Brinkley, Majestic	3	.....	13	..	4	1	..	..	28	32	60
22—Rebbles Creek	W. B. Mull, Toecane	C. E. Young, Boonford	....	.....	19	26	..	..	..	1	....	....	44
23—White Oak	J. A. Gouge, Wing	Chas. Buchanan, Bakersville	1	800	..	15	..	..	..	..	42	52	94

MINUTES

of the

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

ROAN MOUNTAIN

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

held with

Little Rock Creek Church, N. C.,

September 14, 15 and 16, 1916.

REV. S. M. GREENE.....Moderator.
W. F. DODSON.....Clerk.
D. J. ENGLISH.....Treasurer.

Next session to be held with Cub Creek Church, beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1917.

S. M. Green to preach Introductory Sermon; M. L. Buchanan, Alternate.

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RULES AND DECORUM OF THE ROAN MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. That the Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. That there be no conversing by the members, one with another, so as to interrupt business.

Art. 3. That any member wishing to speak, shall first rise to his feet, and address the Moderator.

Art. 4. That no member shall interrupt another while speaking.

Art. 5. That no member shall make remarks on another's manner of speaking or on their slips and blunders.

Art. 6. That we admit no other title to each other while in session but that of Brother.

Art. 7. That any member speaking, shall attend closely to the subject under consideration.

Art. 8. That no member shall speak more than three times on any one subject without leave of the Moderator.

Art. 9. That no member shall withdraw without leave of the Moderator.

Art. 10. That any motion made and seconded, shall be attended to except withdrawn by the person who made it.

Art. 11. That all motions made where the vote of the Association is taken, a majority shall be an act.

Art. 12. That the Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as another member, provided that the chair is filled.

Art. 13. That any member violating the above rules shall be admonished by the Moderator.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

W. C. Berry, Chairman.
M. L. Wilson.
John C. McBee, Secretary.
George W. Green.
Newton Young.

TRUSTEES MITCHELL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

J. A. Gouge 1915
J. H. Phillips 1915
M. L. Wilson, Secretary 1916
Brown McKinney 1916
W. C. Berry 1916
William Turbyfill 1917
J. C. McBee 1917
S. J. Black 1917
Rev. L. H. Green 1917

PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

State Missions—Prof. W. A. McGuff, Visitor.
Home Missions—W. C. Berry, Visitor.
Foreign Missions—M. L. Buchanan, Visitor.
Education—R. T. Teague, Charles G. Ellis.
Mitchell Collegiate Institute—Prof. W. A. McGuff, Trustees.
Orphanage—D. J. English, Visitor.
Ministerial Relief—L. H. Greene, C. H. McKinney.
State of Churches—S. M. Greene, J. A. Gouge.
Temperance—W. F. Dodson, M. L. Buchanan.
Woman's Work—Chas. E. Greene, Miss Dora Lee Vause.
Sunday Schools—John C. McBee, Visitor.

PROCEEDINGS.

Glen Ayre, N. C., September 14, 1916.

The Roan Mountain Baptist Association convened with Little Rock Creek Baptist Church on Thursday, September 14, 1916, in its sixty-eighth annual session. The Association was called to order by Moderator Chas. E. Greene.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. L. H. Greene from 4th chapter John and 38th verse.

Motion carried that we now organize. Moderator appointed Prof. W. A. McGuff, M. L. Wilson and W. F. Dodson to read letters. Fourteen received. Called for newly constituted churches. Received 1, Toecane Baptist Church.

Motion to adjourn until 2 p. m.

Assignment of delegates read by G. W. Greene.

AFTERNOON.

September 14, 1916.

Session called to order at 2 p. m. Open by singing and prayer by Rev. C. P. Holland.

Rev. S. M. Greene was elected Moderator by acclamation.

Motion carried that the Rules be suspended and that W. F. Dodson be elected Clerk and D. J. English as Treasurer.

Motion carried that the letter from Mine Creek and the report by Committee be read.

REPORT ON INVESTIGATION.

Your committee, appointed at the last session of the Association, to investigate the sowing of seeds of discord in some of our churches by teaching a doctrine contrary to Baptist tenets and beliefs, make the following report:

The New Hampshire Confession of Faith is the formula of Christian truth most commonly used as a standard in Baptist churches throughout the country. It says:

IV. Of the Way of Salvation.

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who by appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by his personal obedience, and by his death made a full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead he is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, he is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and an all-sufficient Savior.

V. Of Justification.

We believe that the great gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in him is Justification; that Justification includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood; by virtue of which faith his perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every blessing needful for time and eternity.

VII. Of the Grace of Regeneration.

We believe, that, in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; that it is effected, in a manner about our comprehension, by the power of

the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

VIII. Of Repentance and Faith.

We believe that Repentance and Faith are sacred duties, and also inseperable graces, wrought in our souls by the Spirit of God; whereby, being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on him alone as the only and all-sufficient Savior.

X. Of Sanctification.

We believe that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration and is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means, especially the word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.

XI. Of the Perseverance of Saints.

We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

XIV. Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, into the name of the Father, and Son and Holy Ghost; to show forth, in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is a prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper; in which the members of the church, by the sacred use of bread and wine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

We find by conclusive evidence that Brother W. B. Mull has sown seeds of discord in some of our churches; that he not only believes in the doctrine of baptismal regeneration and so teaches, but also that a person is not saved until he shall have taken the Lord's Supper. These fatal errors being wholly opposed to the teaching of the New Testament and Baptist beliefs, we must say that he is heterodox and heretical in his teaching and belief. We recommend therefore that our churches be warned against him and that they be asked to keep him out of their pulpits.

We find by conclusive testimony that Mine Creek church, at the instigation of Brother W. B. Mull, who is pastor, dismissed from her membership parties, who are orthodox and orderly, without so much as giving them a trial. This procedure is contrary to God's word, to the Christian spirit and to Baptist policy. We therefore recommend that Mine Creek church be no longer recognized as a Missionary Baptist church and that her delegates be refused seats in our Association.

We find by private examination that there are now members of Mine Creek church who are sound in doctrine and faith, who love the "old church" and are bound to the hallowed spot by tender ties and sacred memories. We examined the deed to the property and find it to be given to Trustees of Mine Creek Missionary Baptist church and to their successors. Since no other denomination can rightfully claim the property, we recommend that

the faithful few there now reorganize the church, select new trustees in place of these heterodox, call a pastor, and thereby hold the property.

S. M. GREENE, Chmn.,
L. H. GREENE,
J. A. GOUGE,
I. GRINDSTAFF,
R. T. TEAGUE, Committee.

Report read and adopted.

Motion carried that we invite visiting and corresponding delegates. The following were recognized: Rev. C. P. Holland, of Wautauga Association, Tenn.; R. T. Lewis, S. K. Hughes, J. A. Sparks and Hugh Ward of Avery County Association.

Report spoken to by R. T. Teague.

Motion carried that the letters and delegates be reorganized, Mine Creek church be received, letter of Cub Creek read.

Motion carried, that the Moderator appoint committee to assist the newly organized Missionary Baptist church at Mine Creek. The following committee were appointed: M. L. Buchanan, R. T. Teague, L. H. Greene.

Report unanimously adopted.

The Moderator appointed the Pastor and Delegates of Little Rock Creek church with Bro. M. L. Queen on Preaching.

Committee on Nominations—R. T. Teague, D. J. English, W. A. McGuff.

Committee on Finance—M. L. Wilson, D. P. Thomas.

Motion and second, that the Association go to Roan Mountain.

Motion and second, that the Association go to Cub Creek.

Motion carried that Association convene with Cub Creek Baptist church on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1917.

Committee on Program—W. A. McGuff, M. L. Buchanan and R. T. Teague.

Motion carried that we adjourn until 9 a. m. on September 15, 1916.

MORNING SESSION.

September 15, 1916.

Met according to adjournment.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. J. C. Blalock.

The Moderator called for corresponding and visiting brethren. The following responded: W. R. Bradshaw, State Missions; F. B. Hamrick, Orphanage; Dr. R. T. Vann, Educational Secretary.

Minutes read and approved.

Reception of letters asked for and received four.

Motion carried that Rev. S. M. Greene preach the introductory sermon at Cub Creek at our session to be held with Cub Creek in 1917, and M. L. Buchanan, alternate.

Committee on Program reports.

Resolution adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions read by R. T. Teague.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Richmond, Virginia, in its last report tells of a year of triumphant success both at home and abroad. The total contributions for the year, including the amount raised on the debt and on the Judson Centennial Fund, was $806,729. The only drawback on the year's work was the fact that the contributions for the current support amounting to $518,323, left a deficit which, combined with the old debt, made a total indebtedness of $180,000. During the meeting of the Convention in Asheville a great movement was started for the purpose

of paying off this heavy indebtedness, and many of our brethren and sisters have made beautiful and joyful responses to this appeal.

The campaign to raise the Judson Centennial Fund of $1,250,000 has been successful. There is need that our pastors encourage the prompt collection of the subscriptions to this fund.

During the year there have been 6,471 converts baptized and 77 churches instituted. Our foreign missionaries now number 315, of whom 133 are men and 182 women. The membership of our mission churches is now 42,632 organized into 459 churches, 95 of which are self-supporting. The native Christians contributed $129,561.00 to the work in their midst. We have 462 Sunday schools which report 10,490 scholars. There are 453 mission schools with 13,531 students. Of these mission schools six are Women's Bible Training Schools, with 200 students, and ten are Theological Training Schools, with 191 students. We have now 19 medical missionaries, 9 hospitals, and 10 dispensaries. Our medical missionaries treated 74,866 patients last year.

Attention should be called to the great strides which the native churches are taking toward self-support, self-government and self-propagation. One field will serve to illustrate this. In Brazil the per capita gifts for all objects is $5.72. Our Brazilian Baptists have their own Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Amongst our members in foreign lands there are many tithers. There are indeed churches which make tithing a test of fellowship. Many churches in the foreign fields are building their own houses of worship, paying the salaries of their pastors and contributing to the support of missionary work in their own lands and elsewhere. Native workers are being trained, and as we look into the near and far future the outlook is indeed bright.

Like everything that grows, our Foreign Mission work has increasing necessities. Our success has carried us into a situation from which there is no turning back and which lays new claims upon us. We have tasks which we can either turn loose nor turn over to others. To turn loose means to ignore opportunities, forsake converts and churches or turn them over to other denominations. We ought not to do either. Perhaps there is nothing connected with Foreign Missions so imperfectly understood by the masses of our people as this of the unescapable necessities of the work. Conditions at home may be pieced out by other means, and in emergencies matters can be deferred for the time being, but such is not the case on the foreign fields where foreign missionary salaries and other items have to be met.

We would urge that our churches make use of the many free tracts which can be secured from the Foreign Mission Board.

The Convention at Asheville ordered the consolidation of the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field into one Magazine to be published by the Sunday School Board at Nashville. This consolidated magazine will still be the organ through which the Board and its missionaries will be able to speak most effectively to the churches at home. It is of very great importance that all the churches take steps immediately looking to a large circulation of this magazine.

In addition to the mass of material in tract form, the Educational Department of the Foreign Mission Board calls special attention to the mission study class method. We would urge that a larger number of classes be organized to study the latest Foreign Mission Board report which will be put into text-book form, and can be secured from the Educational Department of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia. This report is a valuable study on our own foreign mission work. We wish that a large number of our men and young people would study the report in mission study classes or discussion groups, and that the women would see to it that special classes are organized for the men and young people, or that these be invited to the sessions of the women's classes.

In view of the imperative need of re-enforcement on all our foreign fields

and the very great importance of meeting the current support of this work this year and avoiding another debt, we recommend that this association divide among the churches on an equitable basis the apportionment for this year, and earnestly urge the churches to undertake to raise the amounts asked of them before April 30, 1917. The amount asked of this State is $55,000, of which this association is asked to give $125.00.

In order to save the large amount of interest paid out on borrowed money, we earnestly suggest that our churches send in their contributions regularly each month through the regular channels. We recommend the Every Member Canvass and Systematic Giving as the Biblical plan for contributing to foreign missions.

In a thousand ways God is calling upon Southern Baptists to make a great advance in Foreign Mission work. We would plead that sacrificial effort and constant prayer for the success of this year be practiced in all the churches.

Report spoken to by J. C. Blalock.

Report adopted.

Report on Home Missions read by M. L. Wilson.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

In a day when America was isolated from the world, Daniel Webster said: "Let our object be our country, our whole country and nothing but our country." Now that America is a world of power, with a similiar patriotism and a larger responsibility it behooves us to say: "Let our object be our country, our whole country, for our country's sake and for the sake of all countries."

In the providence of God, America has been forced to take her place as a world power and both gratitude and a godly fear become us as we behold that power being used among nations for justice and peace. In China, Cuba and the Philippines, our nation gave a foretoken that her part among the nations was not to exploit others for selfish ends, but to help and bless. In war-torn Mexico and in Europe, riven by the greatest conflict of the ages, America is with a tremendous sense of responsibility seeking to establish that peace and love which Christ brought upon earth.

In the present political campaign, the gauge of conflict for ballots is pitched upon the high plane of patriotism, justice, brotherly love and Americanism. It is of great significance that the first time America was ever tried to the center, what resources she has as a world power, she is striking out on the high note of human rights and brotherhood. The reports of speeches in our recent national political conventions read like speeches on Home Missions. This will have a profound and blessed influence on the Home Mission propaganda.

There was never a time which so forcefully vindicated the inconspicuous but untiring work of those holy men of God, the missionaries and pioneer preachers, whose voices throughout our entire history have carried the gospel to the homes and the hearts of men in all the length and breadth of the land. Never before was there presented to American Christians a challenge so strong, both in this vindication of Home Mission work and in the great and urgent needs which still beckon us on to mightier efforts.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Atlanta, Georgia, has for seventy-one years been the exponent of our united Southern Baptist body for saving our own land. The story of the achievements of its missionaries in bringing lost men to Christ surpasses that of any similar agency in America. Last year the number of baptisms reported by its workers was 43,792 and the number brought into the churches was 71,386. After the Negro baptisms are counted out, twenty per cent of the baptisms reported by Southern Baptist churches last year were by missionaries supported wholly or in part by the Home Mission Board and thirteen per cent by missionaries supported by no other agency than the Home Mission Board.

At the same time, our Board through its Enlistment Department and Mis-

sion Schools and otherwise, is doing each year a larger work of developing the unplanted life in our churches—which is missions and which is to-day one of the most strenuous and appealing tasks that still confronts us. Baptists both count and weigh, but the very largeness of our successful outreach has made for us an intensive task which may well cause us to tremble with a sense of responsibility, while it should also make us rejoice with a realization of our almost unmatched opportunity.

For the first time in many years our Board reported at the last Convention a significant debt of $72,000. At the same time if the $102,000 be counted which was raised in cash and subscriptions during the year for the Church Building Loan Fund, the record for the year was more than $50,000 above the year preceding.

Deeply impressed with the large and crying needs which are to be met in the present year, our Board, at the Annual Meeting in May was not daunted. The debt was put in the budget of the present year. Some retrenchment was necessary where retrenchment cut to the quick, but our Board felt that it must do what it believed the churches would have to do, and is confident that the present year's work will surpass even the splendid record of the past year.

Cuba, Panama, Co-operative Missions, Evangelism, Church Building, Mountain Schools, Foreigners, Indians, Negroes, Educational Publicity, Enlistment each of these names covers great and needed activities of the Board—some larger than others—all essential. In this report it is impossible to tell of all these tasks, but this is done in the Board's admirable tracts and Annual Report, which may be had for the asking.

We recommend:

1. That our churches be encouraged and urged to order and make a larger use of the Board's free tracts on Home Missions and of its admirable Mission Study Books, suitable either for classes, the general reader, or for use in prayer meeting talks and sermons. These books sound a needed note of denominational loyalty.

2. That subscribers be gotten in every church for The Home Field and for its successor, the combined Home and Foreign Mission magazine, to be published by the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tennessee.

3. Inasmuch as our Board is not making an extra appeal to raise the balance of the debt, we feel that each of our churches should be all the more determined to raise its full apportionment for Home Missions and that the money should be raised and sent in regularly, rather than at the close of the year.

4. To this end we recommend that the Association adopt as its apportionment $200.00, the amount suggested by our State Apportionment Committee, and that our executive committee (or a special committee) be requested to apportion this among the churches, and that this apporionment be printed in our minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. WILSON,

L. H. GREENE, Committee.

Report spoken to by L. H. Greene and F. B. Hamrick.

Report adopted.

Report on Orphanage read by W. F. Dodson.

ORPHANAGE REPORT.

The cry of a child in the brink of the river Nile broke the heart of a heathen princess. Moses wept and his life was saved and the children of Israel were delivered from Egyptian bondage.

Not since Christ glorified childhood has the cry of the child been so well heard and understood as it is to-day. The child is here not by his own consent. Life was thrust upon him. He has rights that we must respect, and when he cries for justice we must hear and heed.

Somebody will hear his cry. If Christians do not the devil will. Somebody must feed and clothe and train the child. If not his friends it will be done by his enemies; and he will then render full service to his benefactors.

The Orphanage was organized to hear this call. It has sheltered and trained 1702 boys and girls in the 31 years of its life but it could not hold out the helping hand to all homeless and needy ones who cry for admittance. Applications come in at the rate of fifty the month and not a tithe of this number can be received.

The supreme need of the Orphanage is a larger current fund. Our present number is 500 with an average cost of $109.09 per child or 30 cents the day aggregating a total annual cost of $54,545.00. Greater economy than this should not be practiced but others ought to be admitted. Destitute children without the necessities of life and with no moral training in the world are rapidly passing into manhood and womanhood. They cannot be admitted until our current fund is sufficient to take care of them.

Our Orphanage work is constantly being enlarged and still the task looms before us as just begun. The work at the Kennedy Home is moving along nicely. An excellent crop was made last year with a neat profit of $897.25 after paying the yearly rental of $2,000.00 to Mr. Kennedy for the use of the place during his life time. The promise of the present crop is good. The most urgent need of the Kennedy Home is a suitable chapel for religious services.

Your committee would again recommend:

1. A liberal Thanksgiving offering emphasizing the importance of setting apart the income of ONE DAY FOR THE ORPHANAGE by every man, woman and child in the Association, at or near the Thanksgiving time. We urge our churches and pastors to press this work day plan with all their power.

2. By a monthly contribution from every Sunday School in this Association. This plan not only does more for the cause but it trains our people in the grace of giving as perhaps nothing else can.

3. That every Sunday School take a club of Charity and Children and keep in touch with our large growing family.

With the constantly advancing prices on nearly all the staple articles of living we are running behind from month to month with our current expenses. Our present debt is $22,000.00 with some $12,000.00 in assets and our average daily expenses is $150.00. We are dependent upon a large Thanksgiving offering to give us the extra shove as we enter upon the winter months.

W. F. DODSON,
C. P. HOLLAND,
F. B. HAMRICK, Committee.

Spoken to W. A. McGuff, F. B. Hamrick, R. T. Teague and W. A. Robinson. Collection for Orphanage $4.83.

Motion to adjourn to 1:30.

DELEGATES ENROLLED.

Bakersville—M. L. Wilson, R. T. Teague, W. C. Berry, W. A. McGuff, Chas. E. Greene and M. L. Buchanan.

Bear Creek—D. J. English, Molton Buchanan.

Black Mountain—M. L. Queen.

Cub Creek—W. L. Canipe, H. M. Gouge.

Cane Creek—J. B. McKinney, Alphonso Buchanan.

Fork Mountain—W. W. Edwards, H. R. Hughes, S. N. Buchanan, David McKinney, J. H. Childress.

Lilly Branch—David Hoyle.

Little Rock Creek—Jas. M. Ayres, William Ellis, Elbert Green, Joe Green, S. W. Edwards, Cain Freeman, H. B. Buchanan.

Liberty Hill—M. Ledford.

McKinney Cove—Rev. C. H. McKinney, S. B. McKinney, Chas. G. Ellis.
Mine Creek—J. V. Johnson, James Johnson.
Roan Mountain—S. M. Greene, L. H. Greene, S. N. Young, S. F. Wilson, Clarence Johnson, Rafe Johnson.
Rebels Creek—J. J. Murdock.
Silver Chapel—W. A. Robinson, Jeff Sparks.
Spruce Pine—Rev. J. W. Stamey, R. A. Reed.
Toecane—Robert Johnson, Hobert Johnson.
Gouge Chapel—J. L. Roberts.
Spring Creek—J. M. Francis, James Butler, John Francis, Lewis Butler.
Grassy Creek—Dula Washburn, John McKinney.
Snow Hill—S. J. Blalock, Stokes Wilson, J. L. McNeil.

AFTERNOON.

September 15, 1916.

Met according to adjournment. Opened by singing and prayer by Brother Bradshaw. Roll call of delegates and absentees marked.

Report of Orphanage resumed.

Motion carried, the Moderator appoint a committee to solicit a car of produce for the orphanage: M. L. Buchanan, W. A. Robinson, W. F. Dodson.

Motion carried that Brother Jeff Buchanan be seated as a delegate from White Oak.

Reports of Education and Mitchell Collegiate Institute coupled together, were read by Prof. Teague and M. L. Buchanan.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Board of Education of the Baptist State Convention has for its object not only the maintenance of the young men preparing for the ministry at Wake Forest and the Seminary, but also of young women at our colleges preparing for mission work, and the promotion of Christian education in general for all our young people.

In our Baptist school system at present there are fourteen high schools, Wake Forest for young men, and Meredith and Chowan Colleges for young women. These institutions represent a money value of a million and a half dollars; they enrolled last year 3,788 students.

The teaching and example of our divine master, the evident plan of God as revealed in plant and animal life, the growing demand for trained workers in all secular employment, the examples of other great denominations, the crying needs of our own, all these seriously impress the necessity of religious education for our people, and calls us loudly to lose no time in going about it.

In view of the facts stated, and the other fundamental fact, namely, that consecration and training lie at the basis of every enterprise now engaging the efforts of our denomination, the Board of Education is calling upon the churches to raise this year for Christian Education $20,000.00, or two-fifths as much as they raise for state missions. Since the amount raised for missions is spent in supporting the missionaries, surely it is not unreasonable to spend two-fifths as much in preparing missionaries for their work. And since eighty-three per cent of all our ministers and ninety-one per cent of our missionaries, have been trained in Baptist schools, it would seem that if these schools should die every mission board would soon have to go out of business. And let it be widely known and ever remembered that these schools must die unless our people come to their support.

Your committee recommends, therefore, that our association approve the plan of the convention for promoting general education.

Second, that we approve the effort of the Board of Education to raise $20,000.00 this year for education, or two fifths as much as we raise for state missions.

Third, that the Association endeavors to raise among the churches during the year $————, and request each of the churches to assume its proportional part of this amount, and that either by pledges or apportionment arrangements be made to effectuate this plan with the churches.

CHAS. G. ELLIS,
Per M. L. B.
M. L. BUCHANAN,
Committee.

MITCHELL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

The session which closed last spring was the best in the history of the school. Five teachers had charge of 115 students in regular work and 86 in the Normal department. Two boys completed fourteen units of work and were given diplomas. One of these boys is now at Wake Forest. The teachers and all bills were paid promptly at the close of each month. For six years we have reported no debt.

Improvements.

During the year many needed improvements were made. Concrete walks, so badly needed, were laid; our commodious auditorium seated with durable chairs and lights furnished; a piano bought for the music hall; two dressers, four mattresses, three tables, two stoves, one range, and many cooking utensils, buckets, dippers, etc., were supplied for the Girls' Home. The Adelphian Literary Society through the untiring efforts of our girls and Miss Vause spent $20.00 in beautifying their hall; they have $14.70 in the Merchants and Farmers Bank drawing interest for further improvements. The Aycock Literary Society through the efforts of our boys raised $17.20 for improvement; this fund is in the Merchants and Farmers Bank. A small improvement fund of $12.88 was turned over to the present administration. These improvements were made possible through the generous giving of our people and the Home Board.

Needs.

For Students' Rooms: Forty chairs, thirty window shades, twelve lamps, nine dressers, ten wash-stands, ten tables, eight bowls and pitchers, six bedsteads, and ten mattresses.

Ror Reception Room: One table, four window-seats, three stands for ferns or flowers, and several good pictures.

For Plant: Sewerage system, sanitary drinking fountains, electric lights, fixtures for bath rooms, a well-equipped laboratory for teaching physics and chemistry, a good library, tables, maps, globes, charts, and teachers' desks and chairs.

For the Faculty: More boys and girls as students, the hearty and sympathetic co-operation of the Baptists of Roan Mountain Association, and the prayers of all God's people everywhere.

Faculty.

The present session under the supervision of Prof. Wm. A. McGuff has opened well, thirty-two students being enrolled. Miss Doralee Vause, who was with us last year and did such efficient work in the music department, we are glad to say, is with us again. Miss Alice Churchill and Miss Beulah Aulick add, we think, much strength to the faculty.

R. T. TEAGUE, Chairman,
S. M. GREENE, Committee.

Spoken to by M. L. Buchanan and R. T. Vann.

Motion carried, the Education report be carried over until 10:15 a. m. on September 16, 1916.

Motion carried that a committee be appointed to make an allottment for each church for the several objects. Committee—W. C. Berry, D. J. English, Jeff Buchanan, T. H. Greene, Bergen McKinney, J. M. Ayres, Dula Washburn, W. F. Dodson.

PLEDGES TAKEN FOR 1917.

	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Educational Missions.
Bakersville	$60.00	$50.00	$50.00	$20.00
Bear Creek	15.00	10.00	20.00	8.00
Black Mountain	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00
Big Rock Creek	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00
Cain Creek	10.00	2.00	3.00	2.00
Fork Mountain	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00
Forbes Chapel	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00
Grassy Creek	5.00	2.50	5.00	2.00
Hughes Chapel	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Lily Branch	10.00	10.00	10.00	4.00
Little Rock Creek	10.00	10.00	10.00	4.00
Liberty Hill	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00
McKinney Cove	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00
Mine Creek	5.00	2.00	2.00	1.00
Roan Mountain	10.00	10.00	10.00	4.00
Silver Chapel	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.00
Snow Hill	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.00
Spruce Pine	30.00	25.00	25.00	10.00
Spring Creek	5.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Rebels Creek	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00
White Oak	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00
Toecane	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Cub Creek	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00

Motion to adjourn until 9 a. m., September 16, 1916.

MORNING SESSION.

September 16, 1916.

Met according to adjournment. Opened by singing and devotional services conducted by W. R. Bradshaw.

Minutes read and approved.

Report on Biblical Recorder read by Prof. W. A. McGuff.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

For what does the Biblical Recorder stand? The first thing is evangelism. Winning of souls to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The 2nd. Enlightenment to the soul.

The 3rd is Edification for the soul that is sacred and enlightenment needs to be built up in faith and works.

The Biblical Recorder is the best paper in North Carolina and should be read by every Baptist in this Association. Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC GRINDSTAFF.

Spoken to by R. T. Teague and W. R. Bradshaw.

Report adopted.

Report on Ministerial Relief read by W. F. Dodson.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Relief, beg to submit the following report: After giving this matter careful and serious consideration we feel sure that we have some worthy preachers who are entitled to and in actual need of some help. To neglect this worthy object is to dishonor the cause, and for the further purpose of getting the names of such objects on the proper relief roll, and for the further purpose of devising plans to secure local help.

Respectfully submitted,
C. H. McKINNEY,
J. W. STAMEY, Committee.

Report adopted.
Motion carried that the Ministerial report be adopted.
Report on nomination read by R. T. Teague.
Report adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows:
Money received from churches for publishing minutes of the Association $24.95. We find that it will require about $32.50 to publish the minutes and recommend a collection in the Association for raising balance.

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. WILSON,
D. O. THOMAS, Committee.

Report on Mitchell Collegiate Institute taken up and spoken to by Prof. W. A. McGuff, M. L. Wilson and Chas. G. Ellis.
Motion carried the three reports coupled together be adopted.
Report on State Missions read by R. T. Teague.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

It is generally admitted that State Missions are fundamental. It lies at the base of all our enterprises. It steadies the hands of those who are almost overwhelmed by the odds against them.

In the State all have felt the strength of the strong arm of our State Mission Board. It ought to be not only the duty but also the joy of all our churches to line up with our State Mission work.

We are strong in numbers but painfully lacking in efficiency. There are entirely too many drones in the hive. How to enlist these non-workers is the great problem. Oh, that each member might be awakened to a sense of his duty.

It is incumbent upon the State Board of Missions to assist our churches in every way it can to come to the New Testament plan (1 Cor. 16-2) of financing all the regular lines of our denominational work. The situation for State Missions is tense right now. Our State Mission Board has before it the task of getting together from our North Carolina churches nearly $150,000 before April 30th, 1917. Our State Mission work for this year is laid out on a basis of $55,000 by instruction of the Convention at Charlotte. We have 148 missionaries on our roll to date. They are serving 266 churches and preaching at 20 mission points. Our State Board of Missions is aiding the work in 45 of our District Associations. To date, with eight months of the year already past, only about $9,000.00 has been sent in for State Missions. $45,000.00 is needed in the next three months. This is going to take a hard pull. Let every pastor in this Association stand together for State Missions.

We recommend that this Association raise at least $200.00 and that this amount be apportioned among our churches.

S. M. GREENE,
S. J. BLACK, Committee.

Spoken to by W. R. Bradshaw.
Motion carried to adjourn until 2 p. m.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, as a committee on Temperance, feel that great good has been accomplished in the past along the line of Temperance legislation by our Legislators. To them we owe a great favor. We earnestly pray that national prohibition will come at a soon date. We urge our members to be temperate in all things. In the bounds of our association there has been quite an advancement along the line of Temperance in the last few years.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. GOUGE.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The Woman's Missionary Union is an organization for the systematic study of Missions and the regular scriptural plan of contributing. It consists of the Woman's Missionary Societies, Young Woman's Auxiliaries, Royal Ambassadors, and Sunbeams, of which there are between twelve and fifteen hundred in the State. It seems that there are none of these societies in this association. Why is this true? Who is in fault? Your committee would urge the pastors to keep this matter before the women of their respective churches and urge them to organize and get ready as soon as possible for an associational organization. Respectfully submitted,

W. S. BUCHANAN,
A. G. BUCHANAN,
Committee.

AFTERNOON.

September 16, 1916.

Met according to adjournment. Opened by singing and prayer.
Sunday School report was read by W. C. Berry.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday schools are one of the greatest organizations within the church. It has been said, and very appropriately, that the Sunday school is the church at work, and to be the proper kind of Sunday school it must be the Church at work in the truest sense. The Superintendent, the officers and teachers should by all means be consecrated Christian men and women. There is such a responsibility and opportunity for them.

The reports of the Sunday schools show that there are a little over 50 per cent of the pupils in the schools unconverted and as we teach these men and women, boys and girls we should impress upon them the importance of being and living christian lives.

The Sunday schools should be run the whole year where it is possible and there are not many churches in our Association but that can do this.

There should be collections taken in our Sunday schools for all Associational objects so that we may train the young men, young women and children the importance of giving so that they may get a new vision of Christian duty and the blessings that they may receive from it.

Great stress should be laid on organization. See that the Church, by the aid of the Pastor, elects the proper person for a Superintendent, and he and the pastor by the aid of the church elect the best, most consecrated men and women for teachers.

We would recommend to the Sunday schools that they see that especially

the officers and teachers subscribe to our church paper, the Biblical Recorder, so that they can keep in touch with the great work and the needs of the denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. BERRY, Chairman,
ADAM BUCHANAN,
Committee.

Spoken to by W. C. Berry and Dr. R. T. Vann.
Report adopted.
Treasurer's report adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Finance Committee reports receiving the following:

Minutes	$ 24.75
Home Missions	34.70
State Missions	26.80
Foreign Missions	26.50
Orphanage	28.93
Total	$ 141.68

D. J. ENGLISH, Treasurer.

Moved and carried, we appoint a Missionary for the bounds of the Association.

Motion carried, that this Association appoint L. H. Greene as Missionary.

PLEDGES FOR ORPHANAGE.

Bakersville	4 cents per member each month.
Bear Creek	1 cent per member each month.
Black Mountain	1 cent per member each month.
Cane Creek	1 cent per member each month.
Cub Creek	1 cent per member each month.
Fork Mountain	1 cent per member each month.
Grassy Creek	1 cent per member each month.
Lilly Branch	1 cent per member each month.
Little Rock Creek	1 cent per member each month.
McKinney Cove	1 cent per member each month.
Roan Mountain	1 cent per member each month.
Mine Creek	1 cent per member each month.
Silver Chapel	1 cent per member each month.
Snow Hill	1 cent per member each month.
Spruce Pine	4 cents per member each month.
Spring Creek	1 cent per member each month.
Rebels Creek	1 cent per member each month.
White Oak	1 cent per member each month.
Gouge Chapel	1 cent per member each month.

Based on the membership of 1916. Pledges amount total $404.74.

RESOLUTIONS AND NOMINATIONS.

RESOLUTION.

We, your committee hereby extend our thanks and appreciation to the good people of Glen Ayre for their kindness shown the delegates, visiting and corresponding brethren while in their community.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. WILSON,
W. F. DODSON, Committee.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, there are many aged and infirm ministers in our State to be supported by the denomination; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Roan Mountain Baptist Association here assembled, that an offering for aged and infirm ministers be taken in all of our churches on the nearest Sunday to Christmas day each year.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. A. McGUFF,
CHARLES G. ELLIS,
Committee.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ROAN MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION versus W. B. MULL AND MINE CREEK CHURCH.

The Roan Mountain Association being duly organized for the transaction of business and this matter coming on to be heard and being heard upon the report of your committee, viz: Rev. S. M. Greene, Prof. R. T. Teague, Rev. L. H. Greene, Rev. J. A. Gouge, Rev. Isaac Grindstaff, we, the Roan Mountain Association, find that the followers of W. B. Mull are not Missionary Baptists, and that that faction of Mine Creek church, does not constitute a Missionary Baptist church, and the report of the above named committee is hereby adopted by the Roan Mountain Association without a dissenting vote.

NOMINATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

We, your Committee, beg leave to make the following nominations and recommendations:

1. That brothers M. L. Wilson, J. A. Gouge, Brown McKinney, William Turbyfill and W. C. Berry be unanimously elected Trustees of the Mitchell Collegiate Institute for three years.
2. That George W. Greene, of Spruce Pine, be elected Trustee of the Mitchell Collegiate Institute for two years to succeed Brother L. A. Berry, deceased.
3. That Charles G. Ellis be elected for two years to fill the unexpired term left vacant by Brother Bradshaw when he moved to Tennessee.
4. That W. C. Berry, John C. McBee, M. L. Wilson, Newton Young and George Greene be elected the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, and that said Committee shall have control over the State Mission fund and over the Educational fund.
5. That both the Trustees and Executive Committee shall have the right to fill all vacancies occurring in their respective bodies.
6. Finally, that an advertisement of the Mitchell Collegiate Institute be printed on the back of the Minutes of the Roan Mountain Baptist Association.

Respectfully submitted,
D. J. ENGLISH,
WM. A. McGUFF,
R. T. TEAGUE, Committee.

Dr. R. T. Vann will preach to-morrow at 11 a. m.

The Association was well attended. Pledges increased. Advanced steps taken.

Motion to adjourn to meet with Cub Creek church one mile from Toecane, N. C., on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1917.

REV. S. M. GREENE, Moderator.

W. F. DODSON, Clerk.

The Association elected Rev. S. M. Greene Moderator for the twentieth time. He has attended 48 sessions of this body not missing any. In his declining years may God ever guide him as in the past. We all love and honor him. May he live to be with us again. W. F. DODSON, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. C. Blalock.....Ledger, N. C.
Isaac Grindstaff .....Toecane, N. C.
M. L. Buchanan.....Bakersville, N. C.
Reuben Pitman .....Ledger, N. C.
J. G. Sparks.....Ledger, N. C.
A. F. Sparks.....Ledger, N. C.
S. W. Shuford.....Little Switzerland, N. C.
C. R. Cook.....Toecane, N. C.
D. R. Dickson.....Mica, N. C.
H. B. Buchanan .....R. F. D., Bakersville, N. C.
J. A. Gouge.....Wing, N. C.
W. S. Buchanan.....Clarissa, N. C.
S. M. Greene.....Clarissa, N. C.
L. H. Greene.....Bakersville, N. C.
R. M. Young.....Toecane, N. C.
J. W. Stamey.....Spruce Pine, N. C.
James C. Thomas.....Lunday, N. C.

TABLE I—STATISTICAL—FOR YEAR 1915–1916.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR AND POST-OFFICE.	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	Time of Preaching.	Value of Church Property.	Gains.			Losses.			Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total Membership.
					By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restoration.	By Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Death.			
Bakersville	M. L. Buchanan, Bakersville.	M. L. Wilson, Bakersville....	2—4	$ 2000.00	....	4	....	....	....	2	40	75	115
Bear Creek	A. F. Sparks, Ledger.....	S. A. Sparks, Ledger.....	4	2000.00	12	3	1	17	11	7	125	191	316
Black Mountain	J. C. Thomas, Lunday.....	C. G. Willis, Little Switzerland	2	500.00	3	2	2	2	1	....	26	28	54
Cub Creek	M. L. Buchanan, Bakersville	N. T. Webb, Toecane.....	4	500.00	19	3	....	3	2	4	43	55	98
Cane Creek	L. H. Green, Bakersville....	J. B. McKinney, Hawk.....	2	1500.00	1	....	....	6	3	3	.....	.....	181
Fork Mountain	C. H. McKinney, Bakersville	D. M. Cook, Bakersville.....	2	1000.00	20	6	12	2	....	2	83	110	193
Grassy Creek	S. M. Green, Clarissa.....	Dula Washburn, Mica.....	4	1000.00	40	2	2	4	....	3	65	145	210
Gouges Chapel	C. C. Cook, Toecane.....	Delia Miller, Roan Moun. Tenn	4	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	34
Liberty Hill	J. C. Thomas, Lunday.....	S. M. Sparks, Estatoe.....	4	500.00	21	....	6	2	....	....	....	....	116
Lilly Branch	J. A. Gouge, Wing.....	D. W. Green, Wing.....	....	1500.00	1	4	....	2	....	2	43	63	106
Little Rock Creek	S. M. Green, Clarissa.....	J. A. Buchanan, Bakersville..	4	1000.00	1	....	1	2	....	....	55	65	120
McKinney Cove	C. H. McKinney, Bakersville.	W. A. McKinney, Bakersville	4	1000.00	....	4	....	....	....	1	37	57	94
Mine Creek	.....	.....	4	1000.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	38
Peebles Creek	J. C. Thomas, Lunday.....	George Young, Boonford....	3	500.00	....	4	....	....	1	....	21	25	46
Roan Mountain	S. M. Green, Clarissa.....	Clarence Johnson, Bakersville	3	1000.00	....	3	....	3	....	2	79	112	190
Spruce Pine	M. L. Buchanan, Bakersville	Geo. W. Green, Spruce Pine	1—2	2000.00	9	6	....	2	....	2	70	113	183
Silver Chapel	J. C. Thomas, Lunday.....	Edd Buchanan, Bandana.....	3	1000.00	6	....	....	5	2	....	....	....	75
Spring Creek	C. H. McKinney, Bakersville	S. G. Brinkley, Ewart.....	3	.....	3	....	....	....	....	....	32	34	66
Snow Hill	J. A. Gouge, Ledger.....	W. D. Wilson, Ledger.....	1	1200.00	12	12	....	....	....	....	19	36	55
Toecane	J. C. Thomas, Lunday.....	Robt. Johnson, Toecane.....	2	1000.00	....	8	....	....	....	....	17	33	50
White Oak	J. C. Thomas, Lunday.....	C. T. Buchanan, Toecane....	2	500.00	7	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....

TABLE II—FINANCIAL—FOR YEAR 1915--1916.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairs.	Incidentals.	Sunday School Expenses.	The Poor.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday School Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Colleges and Schools.	Other Objects.	Total.
Bakersville	$200.00	$19.00	$18.59	$.....	$.....	$ 3.00	$.....	$53.00	$60.00	$50.00	$.....	$56.49	$.....	$.....	$60.00	$.....	$ 279.49
Bear Creek	86.55	.....	.....	91.96	3.00	2.30	.....	10.00	10.00	10.00	.....	27.02	.....	.....	.....	94.95	335.78
Black Mountain	37.58	15.50	.....	6.00	10.00	.75	.....	.....	2.22	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	25.00	102.05
Cub Creek	85.00	.....	.....	85.00	.....	.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	.....	.....	.....	33.00	204.25
Cane Creek	62.97	.....	.....	21.65	5.00	1.15	.....	5.00	5.00	5.00	.....	7.83	.....	.....	.....	30.46	80.99
Fork Mountain	28.25	.....	2.50	4.50	.....	1.25	.....	.....	.....	2.80	.....	9.00	.....	.....	.....	20.00	68.30
Grassy Creek	86.57	.....	.....	9.10	.....	1.50	.....	61.00	5.00	5.00	.....	2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	156.90
Gouges Chapel	35.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.65	.....	.50	1.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.75
Liberty Hill	40.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.60	.....	5.00	2.00	2.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	45.00	59.60
Lilly Branch	60.00	.....	.....	18.00	.....	1.20	.....	10.00	10.00	5.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	10.00	124.20
Little Rock Creek	33.82	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.15	.....	2.30	.75	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	14.00	50.57
McKinney Cove	25.00	.....	3.50	9.00	.....	.50	.....	2.00	2.00	2.00	.....	12.10	.....	.....	.....	5.00	61.10
Mine Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.70
Rebels Creek	36.00	309.50	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	2.00	5.00	2.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	365.50
Roan Mountain	60.00	.....	19.18	.....	4.20	10.00	.....	10.00	10.00	.....	.....	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	130.30
Spruce Pine	207.18	18.00	.....	38.13	15.00	3.00	.....	.....	4.60	4.51	10.00	3.36	.....	.....	.....	51.12	353.90
Silver Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00
Spring Creek	31.00	.....	13.00	3.50	25.00	.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	80.29
Snow Hill	36.00	.....	.....	23.00	.....	.85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24.75	84.30
Toecane	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.90
White Oak	48.00	.....	10.00	13.60	.....	1.45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	73.05